

THE
Whole Duty
OF
PRAYER:
CONTAINING
DEVOTIONS

For every Day in the Week,
AND FOR
Several OCCASIONS,
Ordinary and Extraordinary.

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The Whole Duty of Man.

Necessary for all FAMILIES.

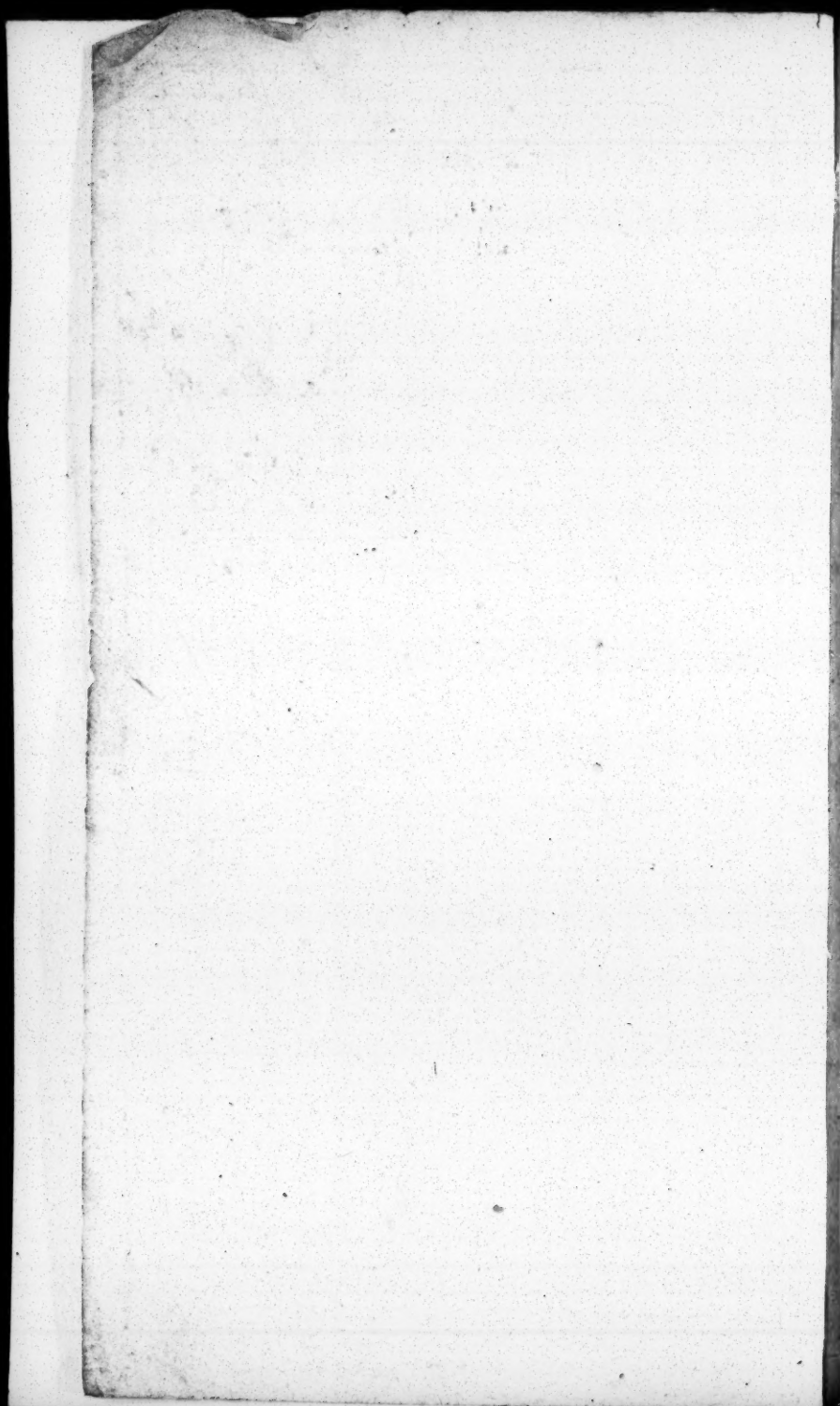
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unto thee shall all Flesh come.*

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PREFACE.

I Need not Recommend this
small Manual to the World,
since it is by so Learned an
Author, whose Works have
given sufficient Demonstration
of his Worth and Excellency,
and will to his lasting Honour
be venerated in all Ages.

This Pattern of Piety hath
lay concealed for many Years,
and was first Dedicated to the
Service of an Honourable La-
dy, in whose Cabinet it hath

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been choicely kept as one of her precious Jewels, it was never design'd for the Press, by Reason the Reverend Author's Modesty should not be offended.

Upon the Bed of Mortality she was pleased to honour me so far, as to commit it to my Care, with a particular Charge not to Publish it; but one of Her Mercenary Servant, by his vigilant Industry had plagiary like, got a Transcript, and since this Pious and Honourable Person's Decease, did design it for the Press: Being unwilling so much injustice should be acted against so worthy a Person, I was forced to cancel
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my Obligation, and to hand with all speed the Original to be Printed, that I might prevent any Surreptitious Copy.

What Alterations I was forced to make, was leaving out the Praying for our Royal Ancestors, and placing in our Royal Sovereign Lord King *William*, and the Royal Family. Some additional Prayers I thought proper to insert; as a Thanksgiving for his Majesty's safe Return, and the Success of his Royal Navy and Armies. A Duty enjoined on the Church in Publick, and ought to be the Duty of every Christian in Private. Lastly, I have added some few Graces

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which may be necessary for
Minor Christians. I shall now
conclude with the Words of
St. Paul to Timothy, 2 Epistle,
2 Chapter, Verse the 7. *Con-
sider what hath been said, and
the Lord give thee Understanding
in all Things.*

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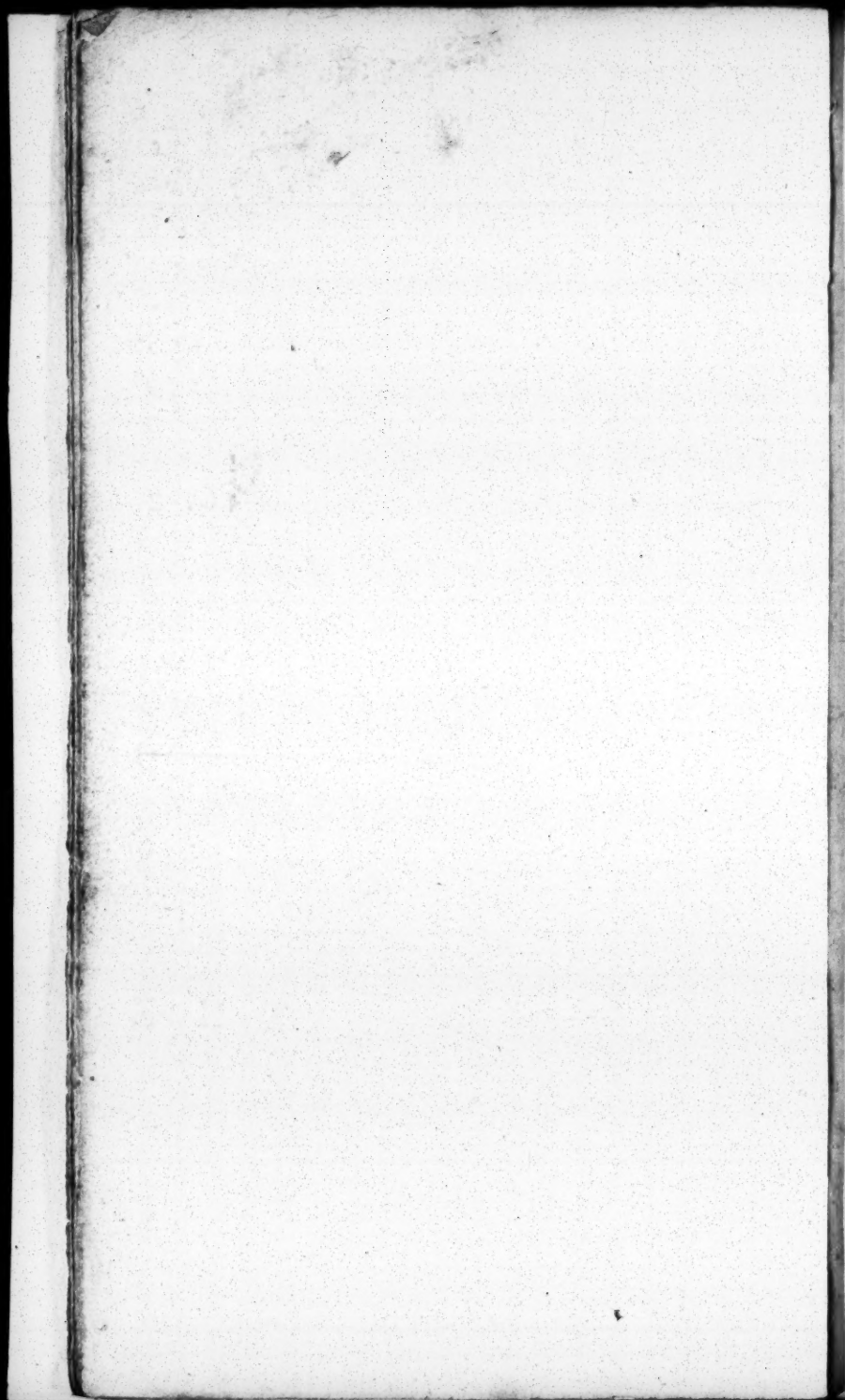
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What Prayer is, and the Parts of it.

Payer is the Duty both of Soul and Body; it is an humble Address unto God, for whatsoever we stand in need of, either in relation to this Life, or that which is to come. The first Part of this Duty is Confession; which is the acknowledging of our Sins in all Humility, before the great Author of our Being. Now Confession is Twofold; general, and particular: The general is, when we confess only we are sinful, without naming any Particulars, which indeed belongs

longs to publick Prayer, but the acknowledging our Sins to God is very necessary, whether publick or private: Particular confession is when we express the several sorts and acts of our Sins, and what ill Habits we are most prone to, this is proper for private Prayer, and ought often to be used, for we cannot repeat too often our foulest sins which we are too guilty of, nor cannot enough bewail our own Unworthiness in committing them

The next part of Prayer is by way of Petition, which is begging of God whatever we stand most in need of, either for our Souls or Bodies: First, For our Souls, we must beg Pardon and Absolution for all our Sins, in the Name of Jesus Christ, who obtained it with his Blood. Secondly, We must earnestly beseech the Grace and Assistance of God's blessed Spirit to enable us to forsake all Sin and Wickedness, and to live in Obedience to him: Then it will be very necessary to beg all these particular Graces, Faith, Hope, Charity, Love, Zeal, Purity, and Repentance. If thou art Proud pray for Humility; If Lustful for Chastity; If guilty of Gluttony pray for Temperance, and so for all other Virtues thou standest most in need of.

In petitioning for our Bodies, we are to beg of God such accommodations of life as are necessary for us; but in such a degree and measure, as his all-seeing Wisdom knows it most suitable to our State and Condition. The next Duty, and third Part of Prayer is Deprecation, which consists in Prayer to God to turn away from us either the evil of Sin, or the evil of Punishment. To pray against the evil of Sin, is to beg earnestly of God to preserve us by his Grace from falling into any Sin; and when we are under any great Temptation, and even ready to yield, then we must humbly beseech him, either to withdraw the Temptation, or else by the Power of his Grace strengthen us against it. Next we are to pray against the Evil of Punishment, which are two sorts, Spiritual and Temporal; Spiritual Punishments are the Wrath of God, the withholding of his Grace, and Everlasting Damnation. Temporal Punishment, is loss of Friends, Goods or Reputation, but in these things we must wholly submit to the Will of God, unto whom all we have belongs.

A fourth Duty in Prayer, is Intercession; which is praying for all Sorts and Conditions of Men as Governours in Church

Church, and State, our Parents, Husband, Wife, Children, or other Relations and Friends, for all those in Afflictions, either in Body, Mind, or Estate; nay, even for our very Enemies: according to the Example of our Lord and Master, who prayed for his very Crucifiers: *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* The Fifth Duty of Prayer, is Thanksgiving, Praising, and blessing God for all his Mercies, Spiritual and Temporal. Spiritual Blessings are his sending his Son into the World for our Redemption, and his Holy Spirit to sanctifie us, that we are born of Christians, and are made Partakers of his holy Word and Sacraments: We are likewise to return him Thanks for his Patience and Long-suffering in not cutting us off in our Sins and Follies: Temporal Blessings which we are to give Thanks for, may be for the Prosperity of a Church or Nation, and all Deliverances which are remarkable: Some belong to ourselves, as Health, Wealth, Food, Rayment, and Friends; with many other Mercies we daily receive from God, of which whoever receive the least Blessing is indebted all his Life-time to praise the Author and Giver of all things.

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These forementioned Parts of our Duty in Prayer are to be made use of both in private and publick; that is, in the Church and in our Cloſet, but more eſpecially in the Church, to which place there is a peculiar Bleſſing belongs, which Chriſt hath promiſed, that where Two or Three are gathered together in his Name he will be in the miſt of them. The Second Duty of Publick Prayer, is that in a Family; and that indeed ought to be the Maſter's Care to provide for the Souls of thoſe that belong to him, as to provide Food for their Temporal Nouriſhment. Now if he neglect this Duty, and takes no care of his Houſe-hold in this important Affair, that Man cannot well be eſteemed a Chriſtian, but a Heathen.

Private Prayer is a Duty to be uſed in Secret, where we can more particularize our Sins when alone, than is requiſite to be done in publick: Next we are to be frequent in Prayer, and not complain we want Leiſure for ſo doing; for he which is moſt buſie may find ſome time to perform this Duty, elſe how can he expect his Employment ſhould be ſanctified. Now it is a great Advantage for Men to ſeek God, at leaſt Morning and Evening if they expect

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expect a Blessing upon their Endeavours. Next, the Advantages we reap by Prayer are many: First, It is a great Honour, to speak freely to the Almighty. Secondly, It is a great Benefit, for it brings down Blessings both Spiritual and Temporal to us. Thirdly, It is a pleasant Duty, it draws us nearer to God; which qualifies us for the Joys of Heaven, where Christ is, at whose *right Hand are Pleasures for evermore.*

Next, we must take care that we ask nothing which is unlawful; but whatsoever we stand in need of, to ask it in Faith and great Humility. Secondly, We must be attentive, and mind what we are about; considering that it is the Majesty of Heaven we are to treat withal, and that our Necessities cannot be supplied without his Divine Aid and Assistance: Thirdly, Vigilancy, Zeal and Purity of Intention must not be omitted, for the *Sacrifices of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord.* Lastly, What we pray for, must be to a good End; that is, not to pray for Wealth, to consume it upon our Lusts: Or for Granduer, to excuse our Malice upon our Enemies, but whatever we do, must be done to the Glory of God, through whom

whom we have Redemption in his Blood,
even the forgiveness of our Sins.

Ejaculations at Uprising.

A Wake, O my Soul, and sing unto
the Lord.

Glory be to the Holy and Undivided
Trinity, for watching and preserving me
this Night.

I laid me down and slept, for thou
Lord sustained me.

Lord arise and lift up the Light of
thy Countenance upon me.

*A Prayer for a private Person in the
Morning.*

Most gracious God, whose Mercies
are rich and infinite, to all thy
Servants that call upon thee; accept I
humbly beseech thee this my Morning sa-
crifice of Praise and Thanksgiving which
I am now to offer up unto thy Divine
Majesty: O Lord, in thee I live, move,
and have my Being, thou formedst me
in the Womb, and hast writ my Name in
the Book of Life, and that I might not
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be miserable but happy, thou sentest thy only beloved Son to dye for me, and to redeem me from all Iniquity.

What shall I render unto thee, O LORD, for all these thine inestimable Benefits; pour forth thy Grace upon me, I beseech thee, that I may abound in Thanksgiving and Praise for them; Enlarge my Heart with thy Love, that I may in some degree comprehend with all Saints the Measure of thine infinite Mercy and Goodness manifested to me, by thy dear Son and my alone Saviour. To whom therefore, with thee, and thy blessed Spirit, be ascribed the whole Glory of my Creation, Redemption, Sanctification, and Salvation.

Forgive, O LORD, the manifold Sins which I commit daily and hourly against thee, and grant that for the time to come thy restraining Grace may subdue my unruly Inclinations, and disordered Affections; and as I have been a Servant of Sin, I may now become an Example of Reformation, that so I may rejoyce in thee as my only Treasure; and rest in thee who art the Center of my Felicity; and be thoroughly convinced how good it is to draw nigh unto thee, accounting all things but

but Dross and Dung in comparison of the Excellency of Jesus Christ, and my alone Saviour and Redeemer.

O Lord, as thou in thy tender Mercy and Compassion hast watched over me this Night, and defended me from my ghostly Adversary, so I beseech thee let thy all seeing Eye of Providence guide me this Day in all my Thoughts, Words, and Actions, whereby I may fall into no Sin, nor run into any kind of Danger: But that all my Doings may be ordered by thy Governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, in whose blessed Name and Words I shut up these my imperfect Prayers in that most absolute Form of Prayer which he himself hath taught me, saying, *Our Father, &c.*

A Prayer at departure from Home.

A Almighty and Everlasting God, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; look down from the Throne of Mercy to thy Footstool of Compassion, and behold me now betwixt the Allures of the Devil, the Allurements of the
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World, and my own vain Inclinations ; I cannot look abroad, but they are ever ready to molest me : But, O thou that ledest *Joseph* like a Sheep, thou most Faithful and Almighty Guide, lend me thy Hand, open my Eyes, direct my Steps, and cause me to walk in thy Fear.

Thou that didst go out with *Jacob* from *Eersheba* unto *Padanaran*, guiding him in the vast Plains, and watching over him on his Pillow of Stone, be not now far from me ! Lead me, O Lord, in thy Righteousness ; make my Paths straight, and strengthen my Goings ; that having finished my Course here, I may sit down in thy Kingdom hereafter, an Inheritance undefiled, purchased for me with the Blood of my Saviour, and thy beloved Son *Jesus Christ*.
Amen.

Ejaculations for the Evening.

LET not the Sun go down upon thy Wrath, Eph. 4. 6. Watch ye : for ye know not when the Master of the House cometh, at Even, or at Midnight, or at the Cock crowing, or in the morning : lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping, Mark 13. 35.

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A Prayer for Tuesday Night. 31

ness, bring me to Happiness. Behold,
O Lord, how I am thy Servant, and
Son of thy Hand-maid; O grant me
Grace, that I may live with thee for
ever.

Thou hast redeemed me, O let me
not fall into Captivity and Bondage
unto Sin and Satan; but so confirm and
strengthen me, that both in Life and
Death, I may continue thine, and never
draw back unto Perdition, or forsake
thee, the ever-living God: or renounce
my Saviour, who hath the Words of
eternal Life: and who is the Way, the
Truth, and the Life, but that both in
Prosperity and Adversity, I may live in
thy Fear, die in thy Favour, rest in thy
Peace, and reign with thee in thy Glory.
Amen.

A Prayer for Tuesday Night.

O Lord, how often mightest thou
have cut me off in the midst of my
Sins: But thine Eye hath spared me, thou
hast given me space of Amendment, and
Grace to return unto thee, to seek thee
whilst thou may'st be found, and call
upon thee whilst thou art near, O Lord,
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be not far from me, but draw near unto my Soul : make hast to deliver me, and help me. Thou hast promised to such as call upon thee, to be a present help in Trouble, to be their Shield and Buckler, their Castle and Fortress, and the Horn also of their Salvation.

And now, seeing thou hast brought the Night upon me, wherein thou hast ordained Man to take his Rest, keep me, O Lord, as the Apple of thine Eye ; save and defend me from Delusions : Cause thine Angels to pitch their Tents round about me, and watch over my Soul and Body, that I may not commit any Sin, either in Word or Deed, but persevere in Grace until the appearing of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ unto Judgment.

Deliver me, I beseech thee, from sudden Death, Fears and Affrightments, Casualties by Fire, Water, or tempestuous Weather ; Disturbance by Thieves, or any other Danger whatsoever ; vouchsafe me Peace of Conscience, and Joy in thy Holy Ghost ; guide me here by the Counsel, and after that receive me to Glory : let my lying down in the Bed put me in mind of my Resting in the Grave, and my rising from thence,

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of my Resurrection, that both in Life, and Death, I may continue thine, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Meditations for Wednesday.

Wonderful are thy Works, O Lord, to the Children of Men; thou hast provided all Creatures, the Fowls of the Air, the Fish of the Sea, and Beasts of the Field, to furnish his Table, cloath his Nakedness, and serve his Necessities. The Earth thou createdst to sustain him, the Waters to wash and cool him, the Air to breath in, the Fire to warm him, the Flowers to refresh him, the Herbs to cure him, the Fruits to nourish him, the Mines to enrich him, the precious Stones to adorn him, and the glorious Luminaries of Heaven, the Sun, and the Moon, to light him; the one in the Day, and the other in the Night, and both to measure his Time, to direct his Husbandry, to divert him in his peregrinations, to ripen his Fruits, and to encrease his Stores.

I cannot plead Ignorance of thy Deity; for the Heavens declare thy Glory, and the Firmament sheweth thy
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handy Work. I cannot pretend Ignorance of thy Law, for thou hast put thy Word into my Mouth, and written thy Law in my Heart, nor can I affirm that I never heard of the Light of thy Gospel; for the Light came into the World and shined in the Darknes, and the Darknes comprehended it not; but Men love Darknes rather than Light, because their Deeds are evil.

For which thou mightest most justly have cast us into utter Darknes, where there is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of Teeth, but there is Mercy with thee, that thou mayest be feared; there is Balm in *Gilead* to cure our deadly Wound, there is Unction in Christ, and Salvation in Jesus: Out of his precious Side he opened to all the Inhabitants of the Earth a Fountain for Sin and all Uncleanness, whereby we might be purified even as he is pure.

A Prayer for Wednesday Morning.

○ Eternal God, who art of Infinite Majesty look down from Heaven thy Habitation of thy Holiness, upon me thy unworthy Servant; thou art

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art a God of Power, and canst relieve me;
of Goodness, and wilt in thy good time
mercifully help me. O Lord, the Foun-
tain of thy Mercy can never be dried up,
nor the Merits of my Saviour diminished.
O therefore bathe my Soul in them that
being sanctified and Justified, I may ap-
pear in thy sight more pure and white
than the Snow in *Salmon*.

I bless thy Name for keeping me this
Night past, and bringing me to the begin-
ning of this Day: let thy Eyes always at-
tend upon me, prosper, preserve, cherish,
guide and govern me in all my Studies, Ac-
tions, and Employments, so that I may
spend this Day, and the remainder of my
Life, according to thy blessed Will. Grant,
O Lord, that whatever I do, it may be
acceptable in thy sight, to the Glory of thy
most holy Name, the Peace of my Consci-
ence, and the Salvation of my own Soul.

To this End, be thou, O Lord, my
God and my Guide, my Protector and
Defender: Keep me unspotted of the
World, reach me to deny Ungodliness,
and Worldly Lust, and to live soberly
towards my self; righteously towards
my Neighbour; and piously towards
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thee, my God; repenting truly of my Sins, and serving thee in Holiness and Righteousness all my Days; that in Life, thou mayest be my God; in Death, my Deliver, and after Death my eternal Rewarder. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Wednesday Night.

O Most glorious God, I do here at this time with the good *Samaritan*, return to give thee Thanks for all thy Mercies and Blessings bestowed upon my Soul and Body, in Things Spiritual and Temporal; for my Election before all Time; my Creation in the Beginning of Time; and my Redemption in the Fullness of Time: I praise and glorify thee, for thy Preservation of me this Day, and that thou hast yet spared me, and hast given me Liberty, and a gracious Opportunity once more to call upon thee.

Lord, I acknowledge and confess that thou mightest have taken me away in the midst of my Sins, and in the very Act of committing them; but thou hast dealt more mercifully with me. Keep me O Lord, this Night from Fear and Danger, and from all noysom Dreams, and from

from all hinderances of sweet Repose ;
which thou hast appointed for the refreshing
of a wearied Nature.

Seal unto me a full and free Pardon
of all my Sins, of what Nature or
Quality soever they be, whether they be
Sins of Omission or Commission, of Know-
ledge, Ignorance, Weakness, or Wilful-
ness. O Lord, deal not with me accord-
ing to the Magnitude and Multitude of
them, but for thine infinite Mercies blot
them out of thy Book of Remembrance,
and cast them out of thy Sight into the
bottomless Sea of thy Compassion, that
they may never rise in this Life to shame
me, nor in the Life to come to condemn
me. *Amen.*

Meditations for Thursday.

Lord, teach me of what Spirit I am,
or should be, even of that which
descended upon thy Son in the Likeness
of a Dove without Gaul. By this Spirit
mortify in me the Lusts and Affections of
the Flesh, such as Envy, Wrath, and Re-
venge ; by the still small Voice, in which
thou discoursedst with *Elias* ; let me ob-
serve, that thou art not in the Fire of

my Rage, nor in the Storm of my Passion, but in the soft gale of Grace. Thou didst on this Day replenish the Sea and Rivers with Fish, and the Air with Fowls, in Shapes admirably various, and in Number almost infinite; stir me up by these Consideration, to admire thy Power and Wisdom in thus enriching this vast and seemingly Solitude.

Blessed Lord; who this Day madest the Waters fruitful, let thy Spirit move upon the Waters of my Tears that they may abound in the Fruits of Repentance, and be blessed in the encrease of Spiritual Consolation. This Day thou commandest the Fowls to fly through the Air; lift up my Soul from this Earth, with the Wings of Faith and Hope, that she may mount up towards Heaven: Make me light and chearful, after my heavy Sorrows and Afflictions; and though I have been, as it I had been lain among the Pots, yet I may be, by the Grace of thy Spirit, like that Dove, whose Wings are Silver, and her Feathers like Gold.

For my light and momentary Afflictions are no way worthy the Glory that shall be revealed unto me hereafter: And for the present; what are Afflictions,

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ons, or Croffes, or Persecutions, but the common Lot of thy Children? When I am thus chastned, I am judged of thee, that I may not be condemned of the World. How can I ever forget thee, who remembered me at all times, and in all places. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Thursday Morning.

O Lord God, who dwellest in that Light which no mortal Eyes can approach; yet beholdest in Mercy the Sons and Daughters of Men; thou makest the Out-goings of the Morning full of thy Glory, and causeth the Sun to shine upon the Just and the Unjust, mercifully chasing away the Darkness of the Night, and Shadow of Death: I praise thy holy Name, that thou hast vouchsafed me to pass this Night in Rest and Quietness, and hast brought me safe to the beginning of this Day.

I humbly beseech thee, by the holy Incarnation, and blessed Nativity of thy Son Jesus Christ, the thrice happy Day star that appeared to the World, let thy Mercy this Day rest upon me, and the bright Beams of thy heavenly Light shine

forth in the dark Corners of my Heart, that I may not be transported, either thro' the Corruption of my Nature, or the Power of Darkness, to spend this Day after my own perverse Will and Pleasure, but carefully perform thy holy will, willingly, speedily, and constantly.

Increase in me, O Lord, the Gift of Faith and Hope, that I may believe in thee, and rely on thy merciful Promises made unto me, in Christ Jesus. Bless my Body and Soul, that no Evil happen to them, and preserve my Memory and Senses, that they pass not the limits of Reason and Understanding. Enlighten my Mind, O Lord, to look upon good Things, inflame my Heart with the love of them, and conduct me with thy Grace, that as thou hast raised my Body from Sleep, so my Soul may daily be raised from Sin; and Soul, and Body, and Spirit, may be renewed in Righteousness to serve thee, the living God, for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Thursday Night.

O Lord God, great in Mercy, and constant in Truth; I acknowledge, and

and do here in all Humility offer unto thy Divine Majesty my Duty of Praise and Thanksgiving for all thy manifold Graces and Benefits bestowed upon me; and though I am unable to recount them, and much unworthy to be a Partaker of them, yet in full assurance of thine unspeakable Love, I presume to come unto thee, and now again commit to thy Almighty Protection this Night, my Soul and Body, with all its Faculties; beseeching thee to keep them Day and Night, blameless and undefiled, against the Day of thy coming.

Lord, pardon and forgive whatever Sins I have wretchedly affected, or wickedly imagined against thee, or my Neighbour: O lay not the Faults and Frailties of my Youth unto my Charge, but forget, O Lord, and forgive, and cancel the Hand-writing that is upon the Wall; which will be ready to witness against me; strike my Heart with an Awe of thy Fear, that I may labour to escape thy Threatnings, and give me the comfort once more of thy Salvation.

Grant, O Lord, that I may this Night quietly rest under the Shadow of thy Wings, free from Fears, Dangers, and Spiritual Darkness, and when the

darken of this mortal Life is approached, grant me, O Lord, a vigilant Heart, freely disposed to abandon all transitory Things, and depart hence in the Peace of a good Conscience into thine everlasting Rest, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Meditations for Friday.

THIS Day the first Man *Adam* was made a living Soul, and Christ the second *Adam* was made a quickning Spirit. This Day he sinned in a Garden, and this Day the Saviour of the World sorrowed in a Garden. He took upon this Day the Fruit of the forbidden Tree, and thou, O blessed Redeemer, wert hung upon the accursed Tree. This Day *Adam* was cast into a deep Sleep, and his Wife *Eve* was formed of his Rib, Flesh of his Flesh, and Bone of his Bone; likewise was the Son of God cast into a deadly Sleep, and his Side was pierced with a Spear, from whence sprung our two blessed Sacraments, the Water of Regeneration, and the Blood of Expiation and Sanctification.

This Day our first Parent brought
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the Curse upon himself, and all his Posterity; but thou, O God, hast provided an everlasting Blessing for thy self and all thy Members; thy Law, O God, is just, holy and pure; but I am Wicked, Prophane, and Impure: that Medicine is for the most part the best, which the Patient least approves of: because it exasperates the Pain for a time. Have I the less Affection for the most holy Faith, because it restraineth my Carnal Liberty, and abridgeth me of Worldly Contentments? Have not I a Law in my Mind which opposeth the Law in my Members? And is it not much better to sow unto the Spirit, than unto the Flesh, which produces only Corruption?

Is it not easie for thee, to raise me out of the Dust? To send back my Spirit into my Body, as at the first to breathe it in? I behold the Seed of the Earth, the Plants in the Garden dye before they spring forth; I see Worms and Insects that spend the Winter-season in a kind of Death, yet revive in the Spring. I know, I am my self dead in Sleep every Night, but alive in the Morning. Why then should I call in question any one Article of my Belief, but humbly say, Lord, I believe, help thou my Unbelief.

A Prayer for Friday Morning.

O Lord God, Maker and Governour of all Things both in Heaven and Earth, I come unto thee with a broken and a contrite Heart, lamenting my Sins, and seeking to find Comfort at thy merciful Hands; Lord, thou knowest my Grief, my Anxiety, and Cure. O let me feel thy Comfort to refresh my Soul: Be with me this Day in all my Worldly Affairs, and let thy Holy Spirit evermore defend me, and preserve my Integrity, that I may be acknowledged thine at the last Day.

I yield thee all the Laud and Praise, for thy Preservation of me this Night past, and for safely bringing me to behold the glorious Light of this Day. Lord, excite my Heart, that I may express my Thankfulness, by my serviceable Obedience; preserve and keep me from Sin, and all Irregularities both of Soul and Body: Mortify all my Corruptions, and sensual Appetites, and purge me thoroughly from filthiness both of Flesh and Spirit, that I may perfect Holiness in thy Fear.

Strengthen me against all thy Vanities.
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of the World, the Lusts of the flesh, the Lusts of the Eyes, and the Pride of Life: And give me Grace to employ thy Day, and the remainder of my Life, in all Peace and Purity, Sanctity and Sobriety, to thy Glory, the good Examples of others; and, finally, the Salvation of my own Soul. This, and whatsoever, for Want of Memory, I have omitted, I humbly beg in the Name of thy dear Son, and my alone Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Friday Night.

O God, thou camest into the World to save Sinners, behold me, I beseech thee, the vilest of them! but wash, O wash away all my Sins in the Blood of thy Son, sanctify my Nature, abolish my Corruptions; guide me here by thy Counsel, and after that receive me into Glory: Keep me now and ever, send me a quiet Repose, and grant that lying down to rest, I may rise again in thy Peace, and walk in thy Fear, that so the succeeding Day may learn me to grow Wise, and for ever glorify thy holy Name.

Inspire me, O Lord, with the Spirit of sweet Consolation, and though Sleep

is the Image of Death, and my Bed as the Grave, yet suffer me not to perish suddenly or unprepared, but watch over me for good, guide now, and evermore, let no appalements disturb me; keep me from Fire, Storms, Tempests, Thieves, sudden Death and Danger; cause thine Angels to pitch their Tents round about me, my House and Habitation, and preserve all that his near and dear unto me. [*Here name your particular Friends*]

Remember thy Church, and every Member of it; have pity on the poor afflicted Protestants in all Parts beyond the Seas, who suffer for the Testimony of their Faith, and a good Conscience; send them Help from thy Holy Place, and evermore mightily defend them; be unto them a Sun and a Shield, a Sun to comfort, and a Shield to defend them in all Dangers and Tribulations: Put a Period unto all their Afflictions, and in thy good time vouchsafe them a happy Deliverance. Lord receive them and me, and all that appertain unto me this Night, and for ever into thy gracious Protection, through the Mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Meditations for Saturday.

THe great Creator this Day rested from all his Works which he had made, and blessed it; O Lord, grant that after this painful Life is ended, I may enjoy a comfortable rest with thee in Heaven, where I may keep an eternal Sabbath, and hold a perpetual Feast; there will be rest without Labour, tranquility without Molestation, and Joys without End. There, my Soul, wilt thou behold a glorious City, the Streets of Gold, the Gates of Pearl, and the Foundations garnished with all sorts of precious Stones.

I shall behold thee, Father, in thy Majesty, Christ thy Son in his Glory, the Spirit in his Sanctity, the Arch-angels and Angels in their Excellency, and the Saints in their Felicity, then shall I no more hunger, labour, nor travel; I shall no more fear, grieve, nor desire; I shall want no more an Earthly House, for the Heaven of Heavens shall be my Habitation. God will be my Temple, and the Lamp that shineth for ever, shall enlighten me.

Lord let the Hope and Expectation
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of this eternal Rest and Felicity, sweeten all my Labours, and ease my Torments ; let it mitigate my Afflictions, and comfort my Spirits, that I faint not in my Journey, nor be depressed under my Burden, but hold out chearfully and valiantly, till I arrive at the Land of Promise, and there receive the Lot of mine Inheritance with the Saints in Light for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Saturday Morning.

MOst gracious God, sanctify, I humbly beseech thee, this day unto me; and myself, now and ever, unto thy Service ; thy Mercies, O Lord, they are new every Morning, and therefore my Thanks out every Day to be a new repeated : I praise thy Holy Name, for keeping me this Night past unto this present Hour and Moment, and hast now brought me unto the last Day of the Week ; grant that I may spend the same soberly, righteously and holily.

Bring me to the Knowledge of thy blessed Will in all things, that I may endeavour to perform the same to thy Glory, the Peace of my Conscience, and
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the Preservation of my own Soul ; purge and cleanse my Heart and Conscience from all dead Works, that I may serve thee the living God, for evermore. Be thou my Guide in all my Necessities ; put an end to the Motions of the Flesh, enlarge my Heart for all pious Duties, and habitual Graces of thy Spirit, that I may bring forth the Fruits of them in my Life and Conversation.

Bless the Kingdom wherein I inhabit, and thy holy Catholick Church, whereof I am an unworthy Member ; Bless thy Servant, and our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE* ; as thou hast Crowned him with a Temporal Crown here, so, in thy due time, give him a Crown of Glory hereafter. Bless his Royal Highness the Prince, and the rest of the Royal Family. Bless all Persons, however dignified or distinguished, from the Swayer of the Scepter, to the Drawer of Water ; have Mercy upon all Sick Persons, Women travelling with Child, and those who are troubled in Body, Mind, or Estate ; O Lord, speak Peace unto their Consciences ; and as thou hast laid them down with the one Hand, so raise

raise them up with the other, if not to this Life, to Life eternal, for the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for Saturday Evening.

O God, the Maker and Preserver of all Things, look down with thy Eye of Pity and Compassion upon me a miserable Sinner: I here prostrate my self, Soul and Body, before thy Divine Majesty, beseeching thee in much Mercy to pardon my Sins, to sanctifie me with thy Grace, and to bring me to thy Glory: that so my Soul may be refreshed with such Things as Eye hath not seen, Ear hath not heard, nor hath it entred into the Heart of Man to conceive.

Enter not into Judgment with thy Servant, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no Flesh living be justified: Examine not my Ways, this Week past, by the strict Rule of thy Law, neither reward me in the Severity of thy Justice: But have Mercy upon me a miserable Offender that have deserved the sharpest of thy Judgments; but as the Heavens
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are higher than the Earth, so is thy Mercy over all thy Works of great Extent to poor Sinners.

Satisfie my Soul with thy Mercy, and that right soon, so shall I rejoyce, and be glad in thee, and learn to praise thee evermore: And now, O Lord, as this Week is ended, so let my Sins be ended, and never be repeated again any more; Be pleased to be my merciful Protector and Preserver from all Perils and Dangers this Night: Refresh my Body with quiet Rest, that my mind may be chearful, and be fit to serve thee in sanctifying thy Sabbath, and keeping it as a glorious Day unto thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Meditations on the Lord's Supper.

HOW can I approach so Divine a Banquet, and not by an humble Confession was my Hands in Innocency? Holy Things must not be given to Dogs, nor Pearls cast before Swine: What is so Holy as the Body and Blood of Christ? And what Pearl so precious this Sacrament? There is no Dog so hy, or Sow so unclean, as I am by Na-

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Nature, but with great Detestation of my rebellious Corruptions. I confess that never Dog so often returned to his Vomit, nor Sow to her wallowing in the Mire, as I have to the Sink of Sin, and Mire of Sensual Filthiness.

O wash my Hands in Purity; cleanse my Mouth and purge my Heart, that I may take with a pure Hand, eat with an undefiled Mouth, and keep in a faithful Heart this Bread of Life and Food of Angels. Give me Grace throughly and sincerely to examine myself, and grant that after Examination I may find my Desire fervent, my Knowledge competent, my Sorrow for Sin unfeigned, my purpose of Amendment stedfast, my Love sincere, and my Faith lively.

And finding myself thus appalled in a Wedding-garment, let me be found of thee in Peace, and both chearfully approach unto, and joyfully and thankfully depart from thy Holy and Heavenly Table; receiving by and with the Bread broken, thy crucified Body, and with the Wine poured out, thy Blood shed: And by both Remission of my Sins, Re-admission into thy Presence and Favour, Incorporation into thy Mystical Body, and finally the Glorification of my Body
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and Soul with thee in thy Kingdom of Glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer before the Communion.

O Lord Jesus, the Son of the Living God; who freely offeredst thy most sacred Body to be broken, and thy Blood to be shed for my Sins, that I might be ransomed from Hell, and delivered from Wrath and Eternal Condemnation. O Lord, my Sins, original and actual of weakness and wickedness, have deserved thy Wrath and heavy Indignation; and had not thine Eye spared me, I had long since been in everlasting Burnings, and wholly banished from the Presence of thy Glory.

Lord, wash away all my Sins in the Streams of thy Precious Blood, which speak better Things than that of *Abel's*; thou hast loved me in laying down thy Life for me, and hast left unto thy Church this Holy Sacrament as a Pledge and Assurance, that through thy Death, all that truly partake of this sacred and heavenly Institution, apprehending the Mysteries, and applying the Merits of Christ crucified, they may receive Comfort and Peace in believing those Promises which thou
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hast exprest unto us in thy Word, and be Partakers of the Benefit of thy Son's passion, and have fruition of thy saving virtue here, and Life and Glory hereafter.

Accept me, O Lord, in thy dear Son, as Washed, Justified and Sanctified, and by thy Spirit cleane and purifie me daily more and more. Sanctifie my Affections, and enlarge my Heart for holy and heavenly Things; and grant, that through a stedfast, lively, and constant Faith, I may receive, and worthily eat this sanctified Bread, and drink of this sacred Cup, in a holy Remembrance that thy Body, O Lord Jesus, was crucified, and thy Blood was shed for the Remission of my Sins; and grant that it may so effectually operate in my Soul that I may ever hereafter live in a holy Obedience, according to thy heavenly Will, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

An Ejaculation before Receiving the Bread,

Blessed Lord, as thou hast given thy Flesh to be the Bread of Eternal Salvation, so vouchsafe to work in me by a lively Faith, that I receiving the same may evermore continue in thee, and thou in me. *Amen.* *An*

An Ejaculation before receiving the Cup.

O Lord, vouchsafe, that as thy Blood was shed to wash me a Sinner from the Corruption of Old *Adam*, so grant that it may through a lively Faith, take effect in me, washing me from the filth of Sin, and renew in me the Fruits of Righteousness, that I may become a fit Member to live in thee, and die in thee. *Amen.*

A Prayer after the Communion.

O God, I praise and bless thy Holy Name, for thine unspeakable Favour and Loving-kindness in feeding me at this time, with the spiritual Food of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, whom thou vouchsafedst to send for our Redemption and to offer him up to Death for me, in remembrance whereof he hath commanded me to eat his Body, and drink his Blood; to the end that by Faith I should be united to him, and made a lively Member of his Mystical Body, and being washed from all my Sins in his Blood, I should lead a new Life in all Obedience, Holiness and Righteousness.

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Vouchsafe, I humbly beseech thee, for his sake, to endue me with thy Holy Spirit, that by casting away the Works of Darkness, I may walk in the true Light of thy holy Spirit, and ever remain in the number of thy holy and elect Children; give me an earnest Desire to partake often of this holy Institution, and to lead my Life according to thy holy Will in all Things, keeping my Body and Soul unspotted and undefiled, as fit Receptacles of so heavenly Food, that my Soul may be Partaker of the Mysteries thereof by Faith in Christ Jesus.

And now Glory be to God on high, on Earth Peace, and eternal Consolation in my Conscience; I am fed now with thy Body, and my Heart is refreshed with the Cup of the New Testament in thy Blood. Now I am a Member of thy Mystical Body, Flesh of thy Flesh, and Bone of thy Bone. Lord, let nothing be ever able to separate me from thee, but, since all things work for the good of thy Chosen, let all things more and more unite me to thee, that I may grow from Grace to Grace, and Strength to Strength, till I come to the full Measure of thy Perfect Age, and not be refused by thee, who hast given thyself for me, and unto me. *Amen.*

A Prayer before hearing the Word.

O Lord, illuminate my dark Understanding to receive thy Word, and prudently retrain it, give me Grace that the Seed of thy Word being sown in my Heart, it may take deep Root downward, and bring forth fruit upward, to the Credit of thy Gospel, the Comfort of my poor Soul; and above all, to the Glory of thy most holy Name. Let thy Spirit rule and guide the Lips of thy Minister, that he may utter nothing but the Word of Truth, with that Fervency that neither Fear nor Affection may stop the Current of the same.

And because the Harvest is great, and the Labourers but few, I beseech thee, who art Lord of the Harvest, to send forth such into thy Vineyard, as may with a Zeal discharge their Ministerial Function; let thy *Urim* be upon them, as upon thy holy Ones, that Sincerity of Doctrine, and Integrity of Conversation, may adorn their Persons. Lord, guide thy Heart and Tongue of him whom I shall hear this Day, grant he may speak home to my Conscience, and leave no Corruption unbowelled, but that his

Words may chase away all sinful Affections from me, whereby I may depart from all Iniquity.

Bless all thy People, and grant that they may not only be hearers of thy Word, but Doers of the same, not deceiving their own Souls ; and grant that thy Messengers dividing the Word aright, and thy People keeping it carefully, and practising it conscionably, they may, through Jesus Christ, obtain the Remission of their Sins past, and receive thy Grace for the Time to come. Give them Light instead of Darknes ; Peace for Trouble, and Eternal Happines instead of Infelicity, that tasting the sweetness of Celestial Comfort, they may despise Terrestrial, and after this Life is ended, they may enter into Everlasting Glory, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for hearing the Word.

MOST Gracious God of thy bountiful Goodness, thou hast through thy Son Jesus Christ, made known for my Instruction and unspeakable Comfort, the glorious Gospel, thy Word of Truth, which none can learn but by hearing,
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and none can hear but by preaching ; and none can preach except they be sent ; to this end give me thy Grace, I humbly beseech thee, that as I have heard thy Word at this Time by thy Minister and Messenger, so grant that I and all that have heard, may know and understand the same, retain and practise it, according to thy Heavenly Will, that I may thereby grow in Knowledge, encrease in Grace, and be a lively Instrument of thy Glory unto my Live's end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for necessary Blessings of this Life.

O Lord, thou hast promised never to fail those that depend upon thee: thou openest thine Hands, and fillest all things living with Plenteousness, never suffering any of thine to perish, that carefully seek Relief from thy most gracious bounty, I humbly beseech thee, permit me not to want Necessaries for this present Life; enable me to live without distracting Cares; to this end bless my Labours that I may have a Sufficiency for me, and mine, and not be burdensome unto any, but rather be able to administer unto others, wh

soever refreshing Comforts they shall stand in need of.

Give me neither Poverty nor Riches, but feed me with Food convenient for me; lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? Or lest I be proud and steal, and take the Name of my God in vain: Afford me such a Portion of Health and Wealth, as thou in thy Divine Wisdom, shall think most convenient for me; Succour all such as be in want, relieve the Oppressed, comfort the Afflicted, raise the Lowly, and aid the Needy.

And, O Lord, I humbly beseech thee never let me want thy favourable Assistance, but bless my Basket, and increase my Store, with thy never failing Blessings, that I may be able to live in thy Faith, Fear and Love, and out of the Depth of Misery and Danger of all Men, through Jesus Christ my only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for God's Benefits.

O God Almighty, the Giver of all good things, thou art my Stay, my Comfort and only Guide, direct me, I pray

pray thee, to employ that Talent which thou hast allotted me, for the Advancement of thy Glory: Lord, thou hast been abundantly gracious and bountiful unto me, and hast blest my Store in-
somuch that I have not only what satisfieth my own Occasion, but have also sufficient to relieve others, in the time of their Necessity.

Give therefore a free Heart to cast my Bread upon the Waters; and to relieve my poor distressed Brethren, according to the utmost of my Ability, to feed the Hungry, to cloath the Naked, and minister unto thy distressed Saints, that I may not live unto my self, but for the Help of all those that want my Assistance, that I may lay up in Store a good Foundation against the time to come, and be found of thee in Peace, enjoying Life and Salvation, through Jesus Christ.

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A Prayer for Wisdom.

O Most Great and Glorious Lord God, I confess, that whilst I bear about me this Body of Sin, imprisoning
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the Soul, my Nature corrupted and depraved with Iniquity, original and aſual, ſeeks by all means poſſible to oppoſe the Spirit, and do thoſe things which are diſſonant and contrary to the Motions, Inſpirations, gracious Influences and working thereof: My Fleſh luſteth againſt the Spirit; ſo that the things I would do, I cannot, and the things which I ſuppoſe to be done in much Knowledge and Wiſdom, will be found not only Ignorant and Erroneous, but ſinful Wickedneſs in thy ſight.

Wherefore I humbly beſeech thee, O Holy Father, to ſend out thy Light, and Truth, thy Spirit of Wiſdom and Revelation, to Teach and Inſtruct me, to be my God and Guide, to lead me into all Truth; Lord ſend down that Wiſdom that waiteth about thy Throne, and plant the ſame in my Heart, that all my ſayings and doings, being always ordered by this Wiſdom from on high, I may do that which is pleaſing in thy Sight, and profitable for my own Salvation, and ſhun the contrary in all things, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

! A Prayer for Defence against our Enemies.

O Lord my God, be not far from me in Trouble, and in all Dangers Ghostly and Bodily, draw near, and make hast to help me; I am, I confess, a most sinful Creature, and have justly deserved thy Wrath and Indignation against me, yet, O Lord, for thy Mercy sake, turn thee unto me, and have Compassion on me; let not my Enemies prevail in their mischievous Devices, lest they be too proud; in thy Mercy convert them, or in thy Justice confound them; make them as Stubble before the Wind, and thine Angel scattering them.

Lord, I am in thine Hand, and they are within the Compass of thy Power; stay and allay their Fury; let them not take Effect in their wicked Imaginations and Attempts against me, but put them to Confusion; rid me and deliver me in thy Righteousness, and be thou a Sun and Shield unto me, to comfort and protect me.

To this end cause thine Angels to pitch their Tents round about me, that being defended under the Shadow of thy Wings, and armed with the Power of

thy Might, I may not fear what Man can do unto me. Lord regard me with the Eye of thy Grace, and guard me with the Hand of thy Power, that being preserved both in Soul and Body, I may live in Piety, Peace and Godliness, unto my Lives end. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer for a Family.

○ Eternal and All-seeing God, wonderful in thy Majesty, and Infinite in thy Mercy, who hast the Heavens for thy Throne, and the Earth for thy Footstool; the Heavens are full of the Majesty of thy Glory, and cannot contain the same; look down therefore from thence upon us thy Servants, who now prostrate our selves before the Footstool of thy Throne of Grace, humbly beseeching thee, for thy dear Son's sake, to be merciful unto us miserable Sinners, one Deep calleth upon another, the Depth of Misery unto the Depth of Mercy, have Mercy therefore upon us, O Lord, and in the Multitude of thy Mercies do away all our Offences.

We confess we are not worthy to think of thee, much less speak unto thee,
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we being so vile and miserable, thou so glorious and admirable; yet being assured, that in forgiving of Sins, and helping afflicted Souls, the Fountain of Mercy is never dried up; we thine unprofitable Servants are emboldened to present our selves this Morning before thee, to offer up unto thee a lively Sacrifice of Prayer and Thanksgiving, who didst offer up thy Son upon the Cross to be a Propitiation for our Sins; let this lifting up of our Hearts and Hands be a Morning sacrifice, pure and acceptable in thy sight, let not the Greatness of our Sins withholden thy implored Mercy; but wash us from all Uncleanness, and remove thy Judgments due unto us for them, as far from thy Presence, as the *East* is from the *West*.

O bury them in the Grave with Christ, raise us up by the Power of thy Spirit unto Newness of Life, that we may walk in all holy Obedience before thee this Day, and that endeavouring to keep our Faith, and a good Conscience void of Offence, we may now, and in the Hour of Death, be and remain always thine. Defend us from all Evil, and fence us against the Assaults of Satan, watch over us by the Eye of thy good

Providence, and cause thine Angels to pitch their Tents about us for our Safety and continual Preservation.

Into thy Hands we now commit our Souls and Bodies, guide our Thoughts, Words and Actions; and if we forget thee our God at any time, O! do thou in Mercy remember us, and forgive us our Trespases; make us to see our Sins in the Glass of thy Law, to mourn for them in the Closet of our Hearts, and confess them in the bitterness of our Souls, teach us to cast off the Rags of Iniquity, and by Faith put on the Robes of Righteousness: Help us to manage the Sword of the Spirit, and the Helmet of Salvation, that we may be able to fight against the Wiles of the Devil, the Vanities of the World, the Lusts of the Flesh, and the Pride of Life.

Be favourable to *Sion*, build up the Walls of *Jerusalem*, more particularly, preserve and enlarge these Churches of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; feed them as thy Flock and Family: Dress them as thy Vineyard, and adorn them as thy Spouse: Defend our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, from all his Enemies at Home, and Abroad: preserve his Body in Health, his Heart and
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Soul in Soundness and Truth, his Life in Honour, and his Honour from Underminers. Bless his Royal Highness the Prince, with the Rest of the Royal Family. Bless those which rule in Church and State, all Schools of good Education and sound Learning, all thy Ministers and Magistrates, with all our Relations in the Flesh, and Friends in the Spirit; to whom thou hast any ways made us bounden. O Lord, enable us to requite them, or lay it on thine own Account to restore it unto them; and their Posterities.

And here we yield thee all Laud and Praise, for creating us when we were nothing, for predestinating us unto the Adoption, and choosing us in Christ before the Foundation of the World. We thank thee for our Preservation this Night past, and for bringing of us this Day to behold thy glorious Light. Lord awake our Souls from Sin, and carnal Security, that we may be prepared like Wise Virgins, with Oyl in our Lamps, to meet the Sweet Bridegroom of our Souls, whether at the Hour of Death or the Day of Judgment. These and all other Graces, which for Blindness

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we cannot, and for our Unworthiness we dare not ask, we beseech thee to give us for the Worthiness of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose most holy Name and Words, we conclude these our imperfect Prayers, in that most perfect form of Prayer, which he himself hath farther taught us in his holy Gospel, saying, *Our Father, &c.*

A Collect for the Day.

Lord bless us, and make thy Face to shine upon us; keep us from Sin and Satan, Sickness and Sorrow, Shame and Servitude, loss of Goods and good Names, or of any thing more near and dear unto us, if it be thy good Pleasure; preserve us evermore in thy Faith and holy Fear, guide us constantly by thy Counsel, and after that receive us to Glory. *Amen.*

An Evening Prayer for a Family.

O God, the God of the Spirits of all Flesh, the high and lofty One that inhabitest Eternity, who hast made the Earth

Earth by thy Power, establish'd the World by thy Wisdom, and stretched out the Heavens by thy Discretion; the Father of Eternity, and Fountain of Mercy; the Giver of all good things, the Forgiver of Sins, and the Comforter of all such as fly unto thee. Lord, we are present here before thee, be thou present with us, and president among us; we appeal from the Seat of thy Justice, to the Throne of thy Mercy, beseeching thee to give us a Sense of our own Miseries, and an Assurance of thy Mercies; let us not be possessed with over-much Fear, but that with a holy Confidence of thy Goodness, we may with Joy appear in thy Presence, with an humble Acknowledgment of our Sins.

To this End, we confess that we have sinned against Heaven and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy Children; we have transgressed thy holy Laws and Commandments, not only by our Thoughts and Words, but by our Deeds and Actions; our Iniquities are more in number than the Hairs of our Head, and make us seem vile in our own Eyes, but much more in thy sight. Lord unto thee we confess our Sins, O grant us Pardon and Absolution for them,

them ; open unto Penitents that ever-
streaming Fountain of thy Son's Blood
that our Sins being bathed therein, we
may appear without Blemish in thy sight ;
by his Death mortifie our sinful Corrup-
tions, hide them in his Wounds, and bury
them in his Grave, that they may never
rise in this Life to shame us, nor in the
World to come to condemn us.

Give us thy Holy Spirit ; let him
purge our Consciences, heal our Cor-
ruptions, Illuminate our Understandings,
Confirm our Memories, and consecrate
our Souls and Bodies, that they may be
fit Temples for thy Holy Ghost to dwell
in. Be merciful to thy Church, and en-
large our Borders ; shower down the
choicest of thy Blessings upon the Head
and Heart of thy Servant , our Sove-
raign Lord, King *GEORGE* ; Bless him
with Length of Days here, and with a
Crown of Glory hereafter. Bless his
Royal Highness the Prince, with all
the Rest of the Royal Family. Bless the
Nobility, Gentry, Ministry, Magistracy
and Commonality , or Relations in the
Flesh, and Friends in the Spirit ; protect all
that stand up for thy Truth ; but as for thy
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Foes, let them be ashamed and confounded.

And now seeing thou hast brought the Night upon us, wherein thou hast ordained Man to rest in, we humbly beseech thee, who art the Keeper of *israel*, who never slumbrest nor sleepest, to watch over us by thy Providence, cause thy holy Angels to pitch their Tents round about us, that being freed from the Terrors of the Night, and refreshed with moderate Rest and Sleep, we may the better be enabled to praise thy Name, and to walk before thee in all good Works and Holiness of Conversation all the Days of our Lives. Let our Bed, O Lord, put us in mind of our Grave, and our rising from thence of our Resurrection, that whether we wake or sleep, we may be always thine.

And knowing that thy Name, O Lord, is a strong Tower of Defence, we here commend our selves this Night to thy most holy Protection: If it be thy Divine Will to call any of us hence in our Sleep, O Lord, for thy Son's sake, have Mercy upon us, and receive our Souls into thy most blessed Kingdom; but if it be thy heavenly Pleasure to add more Days unto our Lives; add more
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Amendment unto our Days, that living we may live in thy Fear, and dying we may dye in thy Favour, and in the end reign with thee in Glory. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Night.

INto thy Hands, O Father, we commend our Spirits, for thou hast redeemed us, O thou God of Truth; into thy most merciful Tuition, and Gracious Preservation do we commend our selves, our Souls and Bodies, our Relations, our Goods and good Name, all ours, and all that call upon thy Name. Lord, be thou present with them and us, and about our Beds unto our Lives end; let not our Fantasies be troubled with vain Imaginations, nor the Dreams and Visions of our Heads, like *Nebuchadnezzar's*, make us afraid, but give us quiet and comfortable Rest, that our Souls and Bodies being refreshed, we may when we awake laud, and praise thee, and joyfully perform the Business of the next Day in our particular Callings.

Let our whole Life be Serving and Glorifying of thee, that we may live in thy Fear, dye in thy Favour, and rest from

from all our Labours, and be blest with thy glorious Vision, enjoying the Presence of our blessed Saviour, the Comfort of thy Holy Spirit, and the Communion of thy most holy Saints and Angels, that we, together with them, may ascribe unto thee, the Glory of our Redemption from Sin, Satan, Hell and Death, World without end. *Amen.*

Prayers for several Persons.

The Husband's Prayer.

Most gracious God, have Mercy upon me, and upon all those which appertain unto me: In the beginning thou didst institute Marriage, for the Propagation of Mankind, a Remedy to avoid unlawful Lust, and for the mutual Comfort and Consolation of thy Children; give me O Heavenly Father, I humbly beseech thee, the Assistance of thy Grace, that I may according to thy Commandments, love and cherish her whom thou hast allotted for my Help and Comfort in this Life.

Mortifie in me all fleshly Lusts,
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and let not the heat of unlawful Concupisance, take possession of me, but grant that we may live in Peace and Unity; and equally praise thy Holy Name. (*If any Children.*) Bless, O Lord those Children thou hast bestowed upon us; give us understanding Hearts and Minds to keep them up in thy Faith and Fear; and give them obedient Hearts to thee; and to all thy Commandments; grant that they may not prove a Curse but a Blessing to us, and thereby attain that Reward that thou hast Promised to those which Honour and Obey their Parents.

Teach me, O Lord, to govern and instruct my Family, whereby they may walk in thy Fear; and grant that I may, according to my Ability, provide what is necessary as well for their Bodies as their Souls: And do thou, O Lord, endue them with thy Grace, that they may perform their Duties, in Fear and Obedience, nor with Eye-service, but in Singleness of Heart, as in thy Presence. Give me, O Lord, I beseech thee, a Competency to maintain that which thou hast committed to my Charge, and grant that we may in all Humility rely upon thy blessed Will, who knowest what is
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fitter for us then we do for ourselves;
To whom be all Honour and Glory.
Amen.

The Wive's Prayer.

O Lord, I give thee Humble Thanks for calling me to the Honourable State of Marimony; give me, O Lord, thy Heavenly Grace, that I may fear thee, and love, reverence, and obey him, whom thou hast appointed to be my Head in all good things, to live peaceably and quietly with him; suffer me not to be puffed up with the Vanities of the World, but grant that I may frame my Mind and Habit suitable to the Estate of my Husband, and adorn my self with that which may become a modest Woman to wear. Assist me, O Lord, that I may with his Consent, prudently and with Discretion, govern his Family, and carefully mind that nothing be wasted, nor permit any Evil to be committed in his House.

Furnish me, O Lord, with those Gifts and Graces which the Royal Preacher described in a good Woman, and endue me with such a Care in the Education,

tion of my Children, as belongeth unto my part to perform, that I may live and rejoyce to see the Prosperity of them in this Life, and after this Life is ended, grant that we may all be received to thy Eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Child's Prayer.

Most gracious God to whom the Child's Obedience to the Parents is always acceptable, but their Disobedience most displeasing, I humbly beseech thee to remove far from me the horrid Sin of Disobediencia and Rebellion against my Parents; O give me Grace to observe them with all Diligence, in Duty obey them in all lawful Commands, and aid and assist them in all their Necessities; give me Grace to receive all their Reproofs patiently, and not to perplex them by stubbornness and bad Courses.

Suffer me not to scoff or deride at their Age or Infirmary, but rather supply their Wants, and cover their Weaknesses. Forgive, O Lord, the many Offences I have committed against them, increase their Days, and preserve them sound in
Body

Body and Mind ; let them see their Childrens Children, to their Comfort and thy Glory ; let them govern me and the rest of their Family, with Prudence and good Example, that when this Life is ended, they may depart hence in Peace, and come to thy Kingdom unspotted, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Widow's Prayer.

O Almighty God , who hast promised to be a Father to the Fatherless, and a Husband to the Widow, let thy tender Eye of Compassion look down upon me and my Children ; preserve me and them from all Oppression and Wrong, and relieve us, we beseech, in all our Necessities.

Bless, O Lord, that small Portion thou hast lent me, for a competent Maintenance of me and mine. O let it be like the Widow's Barrel of Meal, never to wast, and like the Cruise of Oyl never to fail. Dispose our Hearts to all Obedience, and give us Grace to walk worthy of thee, and thy Mercies, which we daily and hourly receive. And lastly, in all our Afflictions, let me put my whole

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whole Trust and Confidence in thee, and
praise thy Name for evermore. *Amen.*

The Orphan's Prayer.

O Almighty and most merciful Fa-
ther, thou hast promised that
when my Father and my Mother for-
sake me, thou, O God, wilt take me
up. O Lord, I am now by thy Ap-
pointment, deprived of my Parents, who
under thee, were the only stay I had in
this World. Be thou, O Lord, my God,
my Father, and my Deliver; teach
me to seek thee early, and endue me
with thy Grace, that I may be obedient
to those whom thou art pleased to place
over me.

Make me to remember thee my Crea-
tor in the Days of my Youth, that I may
lead my Life according to the Rule of
true Godliness; Govern and Guide, I
beseech thee, all my Actions, preserve
my Body in Health, and my Soul from
all evil Thoughts which may molest it;
add unto me Length of Days, Grace and
Vertue, and guide my Feet in the Way of
Peace. *Amen.*

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A Prayer for a young Man or Maid.

MOST Gracious God, vouchsafe to me thy Heavenly Grace now and at all times; more especially in this most dangerous part of my Life, when Heat of Youth, and many Temptations do surround me: O preserve me, I beseech thee as the Apple of thine Eye; and though the Flesh strives against the Spirit, yet do thou exercise thy Power, and strengthen my Imbecility; Stifle Sin in me at the beginning, that it arise not up to a Habit, and prevent in me all Evil, and unworthy Thoughts against thy Divine Majesty.

O Lord, I recommend unto thee my Soul as a Child that can of it self do nothing; defend me from all Enemies Spiritual and Temporal: keep my Soul and Body pure, chaste, and undefiled, that I offend not either in Thought, Word, and Deed: Give me Grace, O Lord, to obey my Parents, and those to whose Tuition I am committed: and grant that if thou shalt be pleased to call me to the honourable Estate of Matrimony, I may be joyned with one, with whom I may serve thee,
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in Peace and Holiness all the Days of my Life. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Servant.

O Holy and blessed Lord God, who tookest upon thee the Form of a Servant, and was obedient unto Death, even the Death of the Cross, that thou mightest work the Salvation of all People as well bond as free; thou hast been pleased to call me to the State and Condition of a Servant, below many others in the World, O make me humbly submit to it, and always praise and magnifie thy holy Name, that thou hast given me Health and Strength of Body to perform my Duty.

Lord cast forth all Murmurings and Repining in me, and all Envy at the Prosperity of others: Endue me with Meekness and Humility, and deliver me from the Slavery of Sin, that I may be made a Servant of Righteousness; teach me to understand my Duty, and to reverence those whom I serve, accounting them worthy of that Honour which appertains to them: Preserve me from Pride, unseemly Passions, or disrespect-
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my
ful Behaviour towards my Superiours ;
quicken my Diligence in Business ; and
grant that whatever I shall take in
hand, I may not do it with *Eye-service*,
but in *Singleness* of Heart ; and obtain
thy Grace and Favour for evermore.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Fruits of the Earth.

MOST gracious God, thy Works
are to be wondered at through the
World ; thou makest the Grass to grow
for the Cattle, and Herb for the Service
of Man. Thou bringest forth Food out
of the Earth, and blessed the Increase of
it. Look down, O Lord, I beseech thee,
upon all the Dwellers upon Earth, where-
in we inhabit, that our Land may be-
come fruitful, and yield forth Plenty in
its proper Season.

And, O thou who openest thy Hand
and fillest all things living with good
Things, fill our Hearts with Wisdom and
all Christian Vertues, that we may bring
forth abundantly the Fruit of good
Works, to the Honour and Glory of thy
holy Name : And as thou crownest the
Year with thy Goodness, and thy Clouds
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drop Fatness; so grant, that we may evermore praise thee for all thy Mercies, from whom cometh every good and perfect Gift, to whom be ascribed all Honour, Power, and Glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for seasonable Weather.

O Lord God, who for our Sins art justly displeased at us, and dost now chastise us, by keeping back thy Rain from watering the Earth; whereby we are in Danger of losing the diligent Labour of our Hands. Pardon, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, our high Provocations, and accept of our hearty and true Repentance, and favourably and mercifully forgive all our Transgressions committed against thee.

Shower down again thy Blessings of Rain upon the Earth, and water it, O Lord, that it may be softened and replenished: But let not immoderately the Floods overflow us, nor the Seed be spoiled under the Clod: But let thy Loving-kindness renew the Face of the Earth, and make the green Pastures rejoyce: Hearken unto the Cry of the

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Poor and Needy, and though we eat our Bread in the Sweat of our Face, yet punish us not with the Scarcity of it, which is the Staff and Support of our Lives. Lord prosper all our Labours, and let us with Moderation enjoy the Fruit of it, this we beg for thy Son's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a good Harvest.

WE bless and praise thy holy Name, O Lord, for sending us Rain from Heaven, and fruitful Seasons, whereby thou hast filled our Hearts with Food and Gladness: Thou hast made the Grass to grow upon the Mountains, and given Food to the Beasts of the Field, and hast filled us with the finest of the Wheat-flower, thou hast given Seed to the Sower, Bread to the Eater, and hast loaded the Earth with thy Bounty, that our Barns might be filled.

Blessed for ever art thou, O Lord, and magnified be thy Name for these and all other thy Benefits which thou from time to time hast bestowed upon us: O that our Hearts may overflow with Love, and our Tongues with Expressions of

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Thankfulness to thee ; grant that we may never forget nor abuse thy Loving kindness towards us, but by a sober and charitable Use of these thy Mercies, we may be made fit for a continual Supply of them, and at last be made Heirs of thy glorious Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Woman with Child.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all things, who in the beginning didst place Mankind in unspeakable Happiness, and had there continued had not our first Parents broke thy Divine Precepts given them in *Paradise*. So that the Earth for their sakes was accursed ; and unto us the Daughters of *Eve* for our Transgressions thou hast allotted most grievous Pains and Torments of Body in bringing forth Children.

Lord, extend unto me, and to all Women thy Mercy, mitigate the Torments thereof, that we may be able patiently to endure the Pains of our Travail at the Hour appointed : And make that easy and light to us, which our Defects have made heavy and burdensome ; and that wherewith I am now
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laden, may graciously be delivered from my frail Body; and send us all, good Lord, a safe Deliverance, that we may be made joyful and happy Mothers.

Vouchsafe unto me, and to all that have conceived with Child, Strength to bring forth that which thine Omnipotency hath so wonderfully wrought in us. In our greatest Perils, O Lord, help us, and mightily deliver us. Let thy Power, Might, and Love, be no less manifest in the Delivery, than in the Forming of this Creature, that being through thy Goodness made a joyful Mother, I may obtain my perfect Strength again, and live to praise thee for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Woman near the Time of her Travail.

O God most holy, the speedy Helper of all those who rely upon thee, by thy Almighty Power I was formed and fashion'd in the Womb, by thy tender Care was brought from thence, and by thy merciful Providence I have been preserved even to this Moment; I laud and magnify thy holy Name, and implore thy never-failing Aid in this approach-

ing time of my Necessity. O be not far off from me when Trouble is nigh at hand, but hear my Voice, and save me when I call upon thee; mitigate my Pains, or endue me with Patience; and support my Spirit in that great Conflict.

Lord, perfect what thou hast begun, and what thou hast wrought in secret; bring forth, I beseech thee, into thy most marvellous Light, that we may all behold the Wonders of thy Wisdom, and extol thy Power. O Lord, in thee alone do I humbly place my Confidence, for thou hast redeemed me. O Lord, thou God of Truth, I wholly resign my self unto thee, beseeching thee to have Mercy upon me; and whenever thou shalt be pleased to call me from this Life, Lord fit me for a better, where all Sorrows and Tears shall be done away, and everlasting Joys possess our Hearts for evermore. *Amen.*

The Midwife's Prayer before Deliverance.

MOST Gracious God, who, by thy never failing Providence, hast kept me from my Mother's Womb to this Moment, and hast now deputed me,
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the unworthiest of all thy Servants, to this great Office, for a Help and Comfort, in that great Pain and Peril of Child-birth. Be with me, O Lord, I beseech thee, and assist me in this great Work, which I am now ready to undertake: Prosper thou, O Lord, the Work of my Hands; O prosper, I beseech thee, my Handy-work.

O put thy Fear into my Heart, that it may be as sincere to the Poor as to the Rich, to save Life, and not to destroy. Let me not be too timorous, nor too violent, but endue me with those Vertues and Graces which thou knowest most convenient for me; and give a Blessing to this Undertaking. Preserve me, I humbly beseech thee, in the dangerous Times, from Contagion, Infection, or any bodily Diseases, which may be received from sick Persons.

And as thou hast by thy Almighty Power made her conceive, and hast now even brought it to the Birth, so give her Strength also to bring forth. Support her Spirits in her Labour. Bless the Endeavours of those that are present with her. Preserve the Life of that which struggles in her Womb to be delivered, and let us behold the Operation of thy Hands

to all our Joy and Comfort. Lord hear our Prayers, and let our Cry come unto thee. Save her and help her, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. *Our Father, &c.*

A Thanksgiving after Deliverance.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased thee, O Almighty God, of thy gracious Goodness, to ease me of my Pains, and deliver me of my Burden, and from the great Danger and Peril of Child-birth, I here humbly prostrate my Soul and Body before thee, to be unto thee a reasonable, lively, and living Sacrifice, holy and acceptable in thy Sight; giving thy Divine Majesty infinite and unfeigned Thanks for this thy gracious Preservation of me, and delivering me out of this great Danger of Death; under which I might have perished, had not thy Mercy and Goodness embraced me on every side.

To thee alone, most Heavenly Father, be given and ascribed all Praise and Thanksgiving, now and for ever. As thou hast been graciously pleased to give me a Child, so, Lord, give me thy Grace, which is sufficient for me to de-

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vote and consecrate it wholly to thee, and thy Service: To this End, work mightily in it by thy Holy Spirit, sanctify it from the Womb, not only while it hangs upon the Breasts, but so long as it shall breath in the Land of the Living, until thou translate it hence to reign with thee in Glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one near Temptation.

O Merciful God, thou exercisest thy Children with sundry Tryals and Temptations, leaving them to themselves, as thou didst *Hezekiah*, to the End he might see his Frailty; some, like *St. Peter*, thou exposdest to the boisterous Winds of Satan's Winnowings; and others, like *St. Paul*, to the Blows of the Adversaries vehement Buffetings. O God, thine only Son thou didst not exempt from Satan's sharpest and stoutest Tryals, when thou conductest him into the Wilderness to be tempted of the Devil.

If thou, O Lord, shouldst permit me in like manner to be tried, and tempted, suffer me not at any time to be overcome, but hold me up by thy Almighty,

mighty Power, animate by the Presence of thy Blessed Spirit, and let thy Grace be ever sufficient for me, whereby I may foil my Enemy, and in the end get the Victory; detect his Policies, discover his Subtilties, defeat his Doings and Dealings which are against me; to this end, endue me with such Wisdom as may make me foresee his Stratagems; such Vigilancy as I may avoid his Snares, which he prepares for my Soul's Destruction.

Let no Temptation take me, but what is common to Man: Try me not above my Strength, but with the Temptation make me a Way to escape: Let me never yield to the Motions of Satan, suggesting unto me Death or Desperation; but grant me Patience to expect the Hour of my Departure, my Soul's Separation, the Dissolution of my Body, and Deliverance from the Misery of this wretched World: Let my Trouble be without Distress, my Perplexity without Despair, my Persecution without Forsaking, and my Casting down without Destruction: If Tears fall from my Eyes, in thy good Time wipe them away, and preserve them in thy Bottle, that they may be precious in thy Sight.

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O Lord, if thou leavest me for a while, draw nigh again unto me in great Compassion; cover my Head in my spiritual Conflicts; let thy Love be my Banner, thy Faithfulness and Truth my Shield and Buckler; let no Tryal surprize me, but give me a right Judgment that I may count it all Joy when I fall into divers Temptations. O let not my Heart be hardned by them, as the *Israelites* were, who provoked thee in the Wilderness, but sanctify all thy Visitations unto me, that I may be better'd and reformed by them, that my Faith being tryed, Patience may have her perfect Work in me intire, lacking nothing.

I know, O Lord, in all thy Temptations thou ever hast one end, and Satan another; thou triest me to the end that being faithful, thou mightest give me a Crown of Life: But Satan seeks to seduce me to Wickedness, but, O Holy Spirit, thou Preserver of all Men, keep me by thy Grace, and strengthen me by thy Power; be present with me, and President in me, and as thy Sufferings abound in me, so let thy Consolation much more abound; and in the midst of my greatest Agonies of Mind, let thy Comforts refresh my disquieted Soul.

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Lord, let thy mighty Hand and stretched-out Arm be now and always my Defence, thy Mercy and Loving-kindness in Christ Jesus thy dear Son, my Salvation, thy true and holy Word my Instruction, thy Grace and Holy Spirit my Comfort and Consolation.

The Peace of God, which passeth all Understanding, keep my Heart and Mind in the Love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be with me, and remain with me and mine, and the whole Church of God, from this time forth and for evermore.

God be mercifully unto me, and bless me; the Lord lift up the Light of his Countenance upon me, and be merciful unto me, and grant me his everlasting Peace. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one Afflicted in Mind.

O Father of Mercy, and God of all Consolation, vouchsafe, I beseech thee, Relief and Succour unto me, a wretched Sinner, who am much tormented in Mind, and afflicted in Conscience.

science. Lord, I am afraid of thy Judgments, and the severe Threatnings written in thy Law against those Sins I have committed: But, O Lord, break not the bruised Reed, nor quench the smoaking Flax. Wound not my humble and contrite Heart, but revive my Spirit that goes mourning all the Day long. Though Satan thinks thou hast smitten and forsaken me, yet frustrate his Hopes and Expectations. Leave me not destitute of thy Grace, as a Prey unto the Enemy of my Soul, but mightily preserve, and evermore defend me.

And though my Conscience accuses me, my Memory witnesses against me, and my Reason condemns me; though I am overwhelmed in Discomfort, and have lost the Voice of Joy and Gladness, and have neither Worth to appease thy Wrath, nor Patience to endure thy Tryal; yet send me, O Lord, the Comfort of thy Holy Spirit into my Heart, that I may not be swallowed up with overmuch Heaviness, but may rejoyce in thee with Joy unspeakable, and full of Glory: Open, and set upon the Gate of thy Mercy to the Greatness of my Misery, for my Mind is sorrowful, my Heart is heavy, my Spirit is oppressed, my
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Words are steep'd with Sighs, and my Complaints watered with Tears.

In executing thy Judgments, Lord, remember Mercy ; try me not, lest I be condemned ; weigh not my Offences, but pardon my Offences : Sanctify all those Means unto me that may afford me Relief, as Prayer, Conference, Meditation, Reading and Hearing of thy Word, and Receiving the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of thy Son, and my alone Saviour and Redemer, mitigate my Extremities, abate my Fears, and moderate my Afflictions. Let not Night-Visions, like *Nebuchadnezzar's*, make me afraid, but when I awake stay me with Flaggons, and comfort me with Apples, thy precious Promises which are pleasant to the Soul.

Rectify my Understanding, as in the Days of Old, and drink no longer unto me in the Cup of Affliction, but in the Chalice of Refreshing, that I may pay my Vows unto thee, and call upon thy Name, in the sight of all thy Congregation ; but if it be thy good Pleasure to try me, and not to take away this Cup from me, confirm my Faith, and continue unto me that Hope which is to be revealed : To this end, cause me with

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the Eye of Faith to look up to thee, who chastiseth me, and wait for the appointed Time of my Delivery out of all my Troubles.

Lord, suffer me not to be swallowed up with Despair, but vouchsafe me a full Assurance of thy Mercy, that thou wilt never leave me nor forsake me, but wilt be in Life my God, in Death my Deliverer, and after Death my Eternal Rewarder. Lord, hearken, and incline thine Ear unto these my Requests for thy Son's sake, my only Lord and Saviour. *Our Father, &c.*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father, and the most comfortable Fellowship of God the Holy Ghost be with me, bless, preserve and keep me, both in Soul and Body, in Goods and good Name, in Life, Health, Peace and Godliness, together with thy whole Church, and all that appertain unto me, now, and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be used in behalf of one troubled in Mind.

Almighty God, the only Guide and Comfort of our Souls, and to whom

whom alone we fly for Succour in all Afflictions. O Lord, we presume now to appear before thee in behalf of this thy afflicted Servant; support him, I beseech thee, in his greatest Conflicts, silence and appease his troubled Spirit, that he may quietly hearken to thy blessed Words of, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you Rest.*

Thou hast solemnly proclaimed, O Lord, in thy holy Scripture, that thou dost not delight in the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he should turn from his Wickedness and live. O make him with Joy feel his Soul turning to thee, since no satisfactory Comfort can be acquired but only in thy Love and Favour, which to all thy Servants is better than Life itself. We beseech thee, speak Peace to his Conscience, and say unto him, and all that are here present, that thou art our Salvation.

Endue him with thy Grace, give him Peace of Conscience, and Joy in the Holy Ghost: O give him the Comfort of thy Help again, and establish him with thy free Spirit: Quicken him, O Lord, for thy Name's sake, and for thy Righteousness sake bring his Soul out of this Trouble: Put Gladness into his Heart, and restore

restore him again, if it be thy Blessed Will, that He and We may evermore rejoyce in thee, who art the Father of all Mercies, and the God of all Consolation; to whom be Glory and Praise now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Meditations for the Sick.

O God, thou dost what thou pleassest in Heaven and in the Earth, in the Sea, and in all deep Places; thou art full of Compassion and tender Mercy, long Suffering, and aboundest in Goodness and Truth; thou alone forgivest Sins, and savest all those that trust in thee, in time of Affliction.

I know that all Flesh is as Grass, and all the Goodliness thereof is as the Flower of the Field; the Grass withereth, the Flower fadeth, but the Word of thee our God shall stand for ever. In thy Word therefore, and gracious Promises is my Hope, which is my greatest Comfort in my Affliction.

In the Multitudes of my Thoughts within me, thy Comfort shall delight my Soul, I will rejoyce even in the midst of my Tribulations, and Glory in thy Holy

ly Name who makest all things work together for good to them that love thee : Though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no Evil, for thou art with me, thy Rod and thy Staff doth comfort me.

We are but of Yesterday, and know nothing, because our Days upon Earth are as a Shadow : When thou with Rebukes dost correct Man for Iniquity, thou makest his Beauty to consume away like a Moth. Surely, every Man is Vanity ; my Time is in thine Hand. Make thy Face to shine upon thy Servant. Save me for thy Mercy's sake.

Hide not thy Face from me ; put not thy Servant away in thine Anger : Thou hast been my Help, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my Salvation. Thou shalt shew me the Path of Life, in thy Presence in the Fulness of Joy, and at thy right Hand there are Pleasures for evermore.

We have had Fathers of the Flesh, which correct us, and we gave them Reverence, shall we not much rather be in Subjection to the Father of Spirits, and live ? He draweth the Mighty with his Power. He raiseth up, and no Man is sure of Life.

We have received Good at the Hands of God, and shall we not receive Evil? Affliction cometh not forth of the Dust; neither doth Travel come forth of the Ground. Let us search and try our Ways, and turn again to the Lord, for though our outward Man decay, our inward Man is renewed.

We are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the World: For we had the Sentence of Death in our selves, that we should not trust in our selves, but in God that raised the Dead, who hath delivered us from so great a Death, and doth deliver; and in whom we trust, that he will yet deliver us.

But we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. Let them that suffer according to the Will of God, commit the keeping of their Souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator. We that are in this Tabernacle do groan, being burdened.

I know, O Lord, that thy Judgments are Just, and that thou of very Faithfulness had caused me to be troubled: O let this light Affliction, which will quickly pass away, cause unto me afterward, a more excellent and eternal Weight of Glory.

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Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the Clay, and wilt thou bring me into the Dust again? Deliver me, O Lord, from Eternal Death, in that Day wherein Heaven and Earth shall be dissolved; when thou comest to judge the Earth, I know thou wilt bring me to Death, and to the House appointed for all Living.

A Prayer to be used by a Sick Person.

O God my Creator and Preserver thou hast made me after thine own Image, in Knowledge, Holiness, and Righteousness; but I have sinned, most Holy Father, against Heaven, and against thee, and am no more worthy to be called or reckoned amongst thy Children; for this Image of thine I have defaced. I have filled my Understanding with Ignorance, my Will with Stubbornness, my Affections with Perverseness, my Heart with Deceitfulness, and my whole Life with Disobedience, ever since I drew my Breath. I have drank Iniquity like Water, so that I can expect nothing but Death, and to be arraign-

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ed at the Bar of thy Justice, there to receive an irrevocable Doom.

But, O most merciful God, for thy dear Son's sake, blot out all my Offences, and receive me graciously; enlarge my Patience to endure thy Tryal, and lay no more upon me than I am able to bear; give a happy Issue unto all Temptations, and make a way for me to escape, and in the End grant me a full Deliverance. As thou hast made me of Dust, so thou canst take from me my Breath, and cast me forth again to that Earth from whence I was taken, but I humbly beseech thee for to spare me a little, that I may recover my Health and Strength before I go hence, and be no more seen.

I confess, O Lord, there is no soundness in my Flesh, because of thy Displeasure, nor any Rest in my Bones, by reason of my Sin; my Heart panteth, my Strength faileth, and my Beauty consumeth away like a Moth fretting a Garment. O Lord, if it be thy Holy Will, ease my Agonies, mitigate my Extremities, be mindful of my Sorrows, and be merciful unto my Sins, redeem my Life from Destruction, strengthen my Weakness, heal my melody, and cause me
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again to walk before thee, in the Land of the Living, but if thou hast determined to call me hence, thy Will be done; grant me Patience under my Correction, and a lively Faith in all the All-sufficient and Efficacious Merit of Christ my Saviour: Seal unto me a free and a full Pardon of all my Sins in the Blood of thy dear Son, and say unto my Soul, that thou wilt be my Salvation.

Inaffiance of thy merciful Absolution, cause me to confess mine Iniquities, and fill my Heart with such a godly Sorrow, as may work my Repentance unto Salvation, never to be repented of; sprinkle me with the Blood of Jesus, and purify me from my daily Pollutions, that being washed, justified, and sanctified, I may be presented unto thee without Spot or Wrinkle; let nothing separate me from the love of thee; grant me thy preserving Grace, that dying, thine Angels may convey my Soul into *Abraham's Bosom*, there to reign with thee, World without End.
Amen.

*A Prayer to be said by the Friends
of the Sick.*

O Lord our God, and great Creator thou madest us Innocent, but by Sin we have brought Death and Destruction upon ourselves; for we have profaned thy Sabbaths, contemned thine Ordinances, cast thy Word behind our Backs, lived in all Sin and Sensuality, spiritual Slumber and Security, so that thou mightest justly cut us off from the Land of the Living, and give us our Portion with Hypocrites, where there is Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth.

But, O Lord, for thy Mercy sake, and for the Merits of thy Son, spare us a little; and give us space of Amendment, before we go hence and be no more seen. Correct us in thy Mercy, and not in thy Justice, lest we should be consumed and brought to nothing; whilst we live, teach us to die daily, to mortify the Deeds of the Flesh, and to condemn the World with the Vanities thereof; wean us from inordinate Self love, that we may not indear our selves too much to these transitory Lives of ours, but may be ready and willing to depart, when it shall

shall stand with thy good Pleasure to call for us; take away from us the Bitterness of Death, and sweeten by the Cross of Christ these Waters of *Marah*, that we may sigh and lament in our selves, desiring to be delivered from the Bondage of Corruptions, into the glorious Liberty of the Sons of God.

Let our Lives, and the Life of this thy sick Servant, be now and ever precious in thy Sight; look mercifully upon him that is grieved with Sicknes. Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make him whole; send him therefore Help and Health from thy Holy Place, and evermore mightily defend him. Let the Enemy have no Advantage against him, nor the Wicked approach to hurt him, but be thou present with him; strengthen his Faith, encrease his Patience under thy correcting Hand; raise him up from his sorrowful Bed; and if thou art pleased longer to exercise him, send him Strength to endure thy Tryal.

But if thou hast determined to take him hence, Lord certify unto him how long he hath to live; make him to know his End, and the Measures of his Days, that by Prayer and Repentance he may provide wisely for his last End, and be found

found of thee in Peace, and enjoy everlasting Happiness; dispose his Meditations aright for Mortality, and at that last Hour, make him to deny himself in renouncing his Justification by an inherent Worth of Righteousness; and in all Sorrows and Sufferings, let thy Comforts rejoyce his Soul.

To this end mortify in him the Corruption of Nature, quicken him with the Soul of new Life, and establish him with thy free Spirit; purge his Heart from all worldly Thoughts, and his Mind from carnal Desires, Motions and Affections; wash his Soul and Body with the Blood of Christ, and sanctify them throughout in Spirit, Soul and Body, with the Grace of thy Holy Spirit, that departing in the true Faith, nor casting away his Confidence or Hope of Rejoycing, in full Assurance of a Blessed Resurrection, he may have Boldness in the Day of the Lord Jesus, and so pass from Death to Life, and be ever with thee to behold thy Glory: Grant this for the sake of thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*Another Prayer to be used by those that
are about the Sick.*

O Lord our God, thou art the Judge of all the Earth; we, Dust and Ashes, vile and miserable Sinners, do here in all Humility cast down our selves before thee for our Sins, which are the occasion of all the Evil of Punishment thou inflictest on the Sons and Daughters of Men. Lord hear us, and forgive whatsoever is past; and grant that we may for ever hereafter serve and please thee thro' Newness of Life, walking before thee in Holiness and Righteousness all our Days: And because the Days are evil, give us Grace to redeem the Time, that numbring our Days aright, we may apply our Hearts unto true Wisdom: Make us constantly to eschew Evil and do Good, to seek Peace and ensue it.

Look with thine Eye of Mercy and Compassion upon this thy Servant, who is grieved with Sicknes: Sanctify this thy Visitation unto him, that those Graces which thou hast begun to work in him, may be strengthened, increased, and by degrees perfected: Restore unto him the Voice of Joy and Health, that the Bones
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which thou hast broken may rejoyce, and seeing we have need of Patience, send this thy Servant such a degree of Patience and Constancy, that he may continue thy faithful Soldier and Servant unto his Live's end; work in him a Sense and Feeling of Sin, and true Sorrow for the same, which may cause Repentance unto Salvation never to be repented of.

O Lord, if it be not thy good Pleasure to raise him up from his Bed of Languishing, prepare his Heart for Death, and his Soul for Heaven, and wash away his Sins in the Blood of Jesus: Wean his Affection from the Love of this World, and set them on those things which are above, that being absent from the Body, he may be present with thee. O Lord, repair in this thy Servant thine own Image, and renew it in Knowledge, Holiness and Righteousness, that thou mayest acknowledge him for thine; raise him up from the Grave unto the Resurrection of Life, and for ever satisfy him with thy Likeness, and transform him into the same from Glory to Glory. *Amen.*

*A Prayer to recommend the Soul to God,
when it is departing the Body.*

O Most gracious God, we commend into thy Holy Hands the Soul of this thy Servant, beseeching thee to defend it from all Evil, and from thy Wrath, which he hath deserved. Let thy holy Angels receive his Soul from this ruinous Habitation of Clay, and carry it unto the Bottom of thy dear Son: O say unto his Soul, This Day shalt thou be with me in Paradise, and fear not, for it is my Father's Pleasure to give you a Kingdom.

Give unto his decaying Body, a Blessed and a glorious Resurrection, to his weary and afflicted, his penitent and redeemed Soul, a Portion in the Blessed Sentence of the right Hand amongst the happy Children of thy Father, who shall receive the Kingdom prepared for them from the Beginning of the World: Let his Soul dwell in heavenly Mansions, be supported with thy Hope, comforted with a holy Conscience, rejoyce in a confirm'd Pardon, be recreated with the Visitation of Angels, and be arrayed in White, to follow after the Lamb whither soever he goeth. Amen.

A Prayer for a Soul departing.

O Lord, remember the good Things which by thy Grace, and by the Inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, thy Servant hath performed, and remembering not his Evil Deeds, nor the Frailties of his Youth, which, by the Weakness of the Flesh, and Temptations of Satan, and the vain Contingences of the World, have afflicted and humbled his poor, but penitent Soul. O God, remember thy only Son did die for these, and thy Blessed Spirit occasioned the other, and for whom thou hast given thy Son, and to whom thou hast vouchsafed to give thy Spirit, give thy Eternal Pardon, and thy Everlasting Glories, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

An Act of Resignation when a Friend is deceas'd.

O Eternal God, who bringest Good out of Evil, Comfort out of Sorrow, and, after a gentle Visitation, dost refresh thy Children, have Mercy upon us, and return to us with thy Loving-kindness

kindness exchanging our present Sorrow into the Advantages of Holiness and Blessing. Thy Judgments, O Lord, are unsearchable, and thy Ways past finding out, but we will bless thy Holy Name at all Times; for thou, O Lord, hast given, and hast taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Be thou now and for ever, what thou hast so graciously promised, a Father of the Fatherless, a Husband to the Widow, and a God of Comfort to them that mourn in secret. Grant that we thy Servants may not weep as them without Hope, neither murmur at thy Dispensation, nor complain of any thing but our selves, nor desire any thing but that thy Will may be done, nor do any thing but what is agreeable to thy Holy Word and Commandment.

Grant, O Lord, that when thou smitest any of us, it may increase thy Fear in us, and when thou doest good to any of us in smiting and forbearing, in chastizing or comforting, it may encrease thy Love in us: And let thy Holy Spirit so prevail over all our Wills and Understandings, our Affections, and the outward Man, our Interests and our Hopes,
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that we may live in this World pleasing to thee, and may depart out of this World with the Peace of a good Conscience, and may attain to a joyful Resurrection in the last Day, and to a Participation of thy Glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Meditation after Recovery from Sicknes.

O Come hither, and behold the Works of the Lord, how wonderful he is in his Doings towards the Children of Men. O come hither, and harken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what he hath done for my Soul. I called unto him with my Mouth, and gave him Praises with my Tongue. O Lord my God, I cryed unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my Soul out of Hell: Thou hast kept my Life from them that go down to the Pit. O what great Troubles and Adversities hast thou shewed me, and yet didst thou turn and refreshed me! yea, and broughtest me from the Deep of the Earth again. Praised be God which hast not cast out my Prayer, nor turned his Mercy from me.

Lord, What is Man that thou hast respect unto him ! or the Son of Man that thou so regardest him ! The Lord is Righteous in all his Ways, and Holy in all his Works : The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him ; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the Desire of them that fear him. He also will hear their Cry, and will help them.

Sing Praises unto the Lord, O ye Saints of his, and give Thanks unto him for a Remembrance of his Holiness ; for his Wrath endureth but the Twinkling of an Eye, and in his Pleasure is Life. Heaviness may endure for a Night, but Joy cometh in the Morning. Praised be the Lord daily, even the God which helpeth us, and poureth his Benefits upon us.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh Salvation. God is the Lord, by whom we escape Death. I will be glad and rejoyce in thy Mercy ; for thou hast considered my Trouble, and hast known my Soul in Adversity ; thou hast turned my Heaviness into Joy ; thou hast put off my Sackcloth, and girded me with Gladness.

Praise the Lord, O my Soul : And
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all that is within me praise his holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits which forgiveſt all thy Sin, and healeth all thy Infirmities, which ſaveth thy Life from Deſtruction, and crowneth thee with Mercy and Loving-kindneſs: I ſhall not Die but Live, and declare the Works of the Lord. The Lord hath chaſtned me, and corrected me, but he hath not given me over unto Death.

A Thanksgiving after Recovery from Sicknefs.

O Mnipotent Lord God, the Author of Life, who bringeſt down to the Grave, and raiſeſt up again, I moſt humbly confeſs, to the Glory of thine Infinite Majeſty, that, if thou haſt not, out of thy tender Compaſſion, bleſſed and ſuſtained me in my Sickneſs, I ſhould have gone down to the Gates of Death; but it was thy Goodneſs and Loving-kindneſs to ſpare and deliver me from all Dangers. Let me for ever praise and glorify thy Holy Name for this and all other thy Mercies towards me.

Thou art gracious when thou ſmiſteſt me, but I cannot expreſs thy infinite

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Sweetness, when thou relievest my Necessity, when thou sustaineest my Sorrows, when thou dost deliver me from thy Wrath, when thou hearest my Prayers, and when thou pourest thy Benefits upon me. O give unto me, thy unworthy Servant, a thankful Heart, and obedient and loving Spirit, a carefulness of my Duty, Charity and Humility, Zeal of thy Glory, and a Submission to thy Divine Will and Pleasure, that serving thee in all things, I may be conducted at last to thy heavenly Kingdom.

Teach me always to remember my latter End, and that my Life is but a Shadow that declineth, and withereth like Grass: But thou, O Lord, shalt endure forever, for thou art the same, and thy Years shall have no end. Bring me by an unchangeable Love and Obedience to thee in all the Changes and Chances of this mortal Life, for his sake who loved me, and gave himself for me, even thy Son, and my alone Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer before a Journey.

O MOST Gracious and Merciful Lord God, who art a God afar
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off, as well nigh at Hand, be pleased to send thy Holy Angel before me thy Servant, to defend me in this my Journey from the Heat of the Day, and the Cold of the Night, from the Arrow that flies at Noon, and the evil Spirits that walk in Darknes, from Errors and Falls, from Precipices and Fractures of Bones, from Robbers, evil Intentions, and bad Accidents, from violent Weather and violent Fears, from all Impressions of evil Men, and evil Spirits. Let this Journey be safe and useful to me thy Servant, comfortable to my Relations, and Holiness to thy great Name.

The Lord bless and keep me, the Lord make his Face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me: Keep me from all Evil, and lead me into all Good, by the Conduct of thy good Spirit. Let thy Providence and Love be my Defence and Security, thy Grace be my Portion, and thy Service my Employment. Do thou, O Lord, go in and out before me, and keep me in all thy Ways, and lead me in thy Paths: Bring me back again in Peace and Safety, and prosper all my innocent and holy Purposes: And when the few and evil Days of my Pilgrimage are ended, do thou of thy infinite

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finite Mercy bring me to the Regions of Holiness and eternal Peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a Journey.

O God, the great Creator, and Preserver of Men, I give thee humble and hearty Thanks for thy great Mercies shewed unto me all the Days of my Life. How often, O Lord; hast thou turned away thy Face from my Sins, and made as if thou perceivedst them not? How often mightest thou have withheld thy Hand of Preservation from me, and yet thy Patience hath extended so far towards me that thou hast suffered no Prejudice to befall me? And as I owe thee infinite Thanks for thy former Preservation, so now I am farther obliged to thee, that thou hast at this time not only guided me to the Place whither I designed to go, but hast also brought me back in Safety, and in my Absence hast preserved all Things unto me.

Give me thy Grace, O Lord, to be always mindful of these, and all other thy Mercies towards me, and make me truly thankful unto thee for them; and

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grant that as by thy Mercy, I have well finished my Affairs abroad, and am returned safe to this my Temporal Habitation; so grant that my Spirit, after this Pilgrimage here on Earth, may return to thy Heavenly Mansion, and there dwell with thee for ever, and that for the sake and Merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer before a Voyage.

O Eternal God, even the God of our Salvation, the Hope of all the Ends of the Earth, and of them that remain in the wide Ocean, under the Shadow of whose Wings we are always secure, and without whose Protection we cannot expect Safety. I have been, O Lord, preserved by thee until this Moment, from many Dangers, for which I have not expressed my Thankfulness in acknowledging those daily Blessings I have received from thee; but, O Lord, forget, and forgive those manifold Sins which I have committed against thee, and blot them out of thy Book of Remembrance.

Purge me, O Lord, I beseech thee,
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from all vile Affections; and grant that I may bring forth the Fruits of thy Spirit; go along with me with thy Blessed Spirit in this my Voyage; preserve me from Pirates, Robbers and Enemies; defend me from Rocks, Sands and Shelves; and keep me from Thunder and Lightning, Storms and tempestuous Weather, or any other Danger that may dismay me. To thee, O Lord, I commend my Body and Spirit, to dispose of me, according to thy holy Will and Pleasure: If thou art pleased to call for my Life upon the Waters, I know thy Almighty Word can command the Sea to give up her Dead at the last and great Audit.

But if thou hast determin'd to bring me safe to my desired Haven, give me thy Grace, which is sufficient for me to walk according to thy holy Will in all things. Make me to lay hold of eternal Life, which is the Anchor of Hope, is both sure and steadfast. Keep me from all Temptations ghostly and bodily, and from sudden Death; and, in thy good time, bring me to the Land of the Living, there to reign with thee for evermore. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a Voyage.

O Immortal God, I have seen thy Works, O Lord, and thy Wonders in the Deep: Thou speakest the Word and the stormy Wind arose, which lifted up the Waves thereof; but when we cried unto thee, thou madest the Storm to cease, so that the Waves thereof were still; then did we rejoyce because we were at Rest, and thou broughtest us safe to that Haven where we would be. O that Men would therefore praise thee, O Lord, for thy Goodness, and declare the Wonders thou dost continually for them.

I bless thy Holy Name for conducting me through those many Dangers which compassed me, and praise thy Mercy that the Deep hath not swallowed me up, and that I am not gone down into the Place of Silence. I also praise thy holy Name, and admire thy Loving-kindness towards me, that thou hast not delivered up my Body and Goods as a Prey into the Hands of unreasonable Men, but hast brought me to my desired Haven, and at last returned me back in Safety to my Habitation.

O let me never forget to pay those Vows I made to thee, when I was in Trouble; but give me an awful Sense and Apprehension of thy great Power, and possess my Soul with a true Reverence of thy Divine Majesty, that I may evermore serve thee in Holiness and Righteousness all the Days of my Life. Endue me with thy Holy Spirit, that I may become acceptable in thy Sight, and may be fitted at length for future Glories. This I beg for thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, my only Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer in a Storm.

O Lord our God, thou hast commanded us in the Day of Calamity to call upon thy Name, and thou hast promised to hear us. Lord, I fly unto thee, who art a sure Refuge; thy Flood-gates are opened, and the Floods lift up their lofty Waves. But thou, O Lord, most high, art mightier than the Noise of many Waters, yea, than the mighty Waves of the Sea. Thou canst in a Moment, if it stand with thy Divine Will and Pleasure, rebuke the Winds and the Sea, and turn this Storm into a Calm.

I know I justly deserve to be cast away, and utterly to be rejected by thee; but Lord save us, or else we perish: Accept of my unfeigned Sorrow for all my Sins and Transgressions, and endue me with a stedfast Resolution to forsake them. Be merciful unto us, O God, be merciful unto us, and save us from perishing in these deep Waters. O refresh us with thy Mercy, and that soon, lest we go down into the Place of Silence. O comfort us in this great Distress, that though the Sea rage and swell, our Hearts may be quiet and still in this time of our Disconsolation.

And as I earnestly desire to be protected from this great Peril and Danger which now terrifies us, so I earnestly beseech thee, that thou wilt for ever fill my Heart with such an awful Dread of thy Majesty, that I may fear thy Name, and praise thy Power in the great Congregation: Awake my dull and drowsy Soul from the Sloth of Sin, and renew a right Spirit within me: Fill me with the Gifts and Graces of thy Holy Spirit, that I may live the Life of the Righteous, and never forget thy Loving-kindness; save us now from Death, I beseech thee, from the merciless Waves who are now ready to

to swallow us up, and bring us Home in Safety, for thy Son Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a Storm.

I Praise and glorify thy holy Name; O Lord, for all thy Mercies and Blessings vouchsafed unto me, especially for this my last great Deliverance, wherein I was incompassed in that wide Ocean, whom thou hast set Bounds and Limits to: If thou, O Lord, hadst not been on my side, the Sea had swallowed me up quick, and I had gone down into the Deep of Silence; but thou hast been my God and my Deliverer, and hast put a new Song into my Mouth, even a Song of Praise and Thanksgiving unto my God.

I acknowledge, O Lord, that thou art the God of all the Earth, and of them that remain in the broad Sea: Blessed for ever, and magnified be thy Name, that thou hast not cast me out of thy Sight, nor turned thy Mercy from me. I have escaped the raging Sea, and the Noise of the proud Ways have done me no harm. If thy Almighty Providence

dence had not protected me, the Streams had gone over my Soul; but the stormy Wind and Tempest I have narrowly escaped, the Storm is ceased, and I am safely delivered.

And now, what shall I render to thee, O Lord, for this, and other thy great Benefits? I will offer up unto thee the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and will pay those Vows I so solemnly made unto thee when I was in Trouble. I will evermore remember, that my Help is in the Lord who made Heaven and Earth, and that thou art that God that can and will deliver me. Let this thy Mercy and Loving-kindness never depart my Memory, but let me praise thy Goodness, and sing of thy Power, unto my Live's end. *Amen.*

A Prayer in time of Thunder and Lightning.

O Most mighty and terrible Lord God, before whom the Earth shakes, and the Heavens drop at thy Presence: Thou overturnest the Mountains by the Roots, and removest them in thy Anger: Thou dost great things, and thy Ways are past finding out; yea, thou dost Wonders without Number; thy Voice, O Lord,
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is very powerful, full of Majesty, that it rends the Air, and casts forth Flames of Fire. Thou canst, O Lord, at this time, tear us in pieces, and none can be able to deliver us, for there is none but thee alone that delivers after this sort.

Oh ! who would not dread thy All glorious Name, O Lord ? Who would not stand in Awe of thy Majesty ? Who would not fear thy Judgments, when thou shoots forth thine Arrows of Thunder and Lightning ? It is of thy meer Mercy, O Lord, that we are not at this time consumed, but that thy tender Compassions fail not towards us, poor, but miserable Sinners : The Blast of the Breath of thy Nostrils can drive us, like Chaff, before the Face of the Wind, and chase us into the bottomless Pit, from whence there is no Redemption.

But thine Eye, O Lord, hath spared us, and we are yet alive : O make us living Monuments of thy Mercy, that we may work out our Repentance unto Salvation, and let it be such a Repentance never to be repented of. Possess my Heart with such a Fear and Love of thee, that I may tremble at thy Word, and melt at the Sight of thy Judgments. Deliver me, I humbly beseech thee, in that great
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Day of thy Appearance, and let me not be in the number of, *Depart ye Cursed*, but among them whom thou callest, *Come ye Blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you.* This I humbly beg for thy Son's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Mariner's Prayer.

O God, the great Creator of Heaven and Earth, thou dost whatsoever thou pleasest in the Sea, and in all deep Places; I, the most unworthiest of all thy Servants, am at this time called upon to behold thy Wonders in the Deep, and to perform my Duty in great Waters. Guide me, I beseech thee, in all Times, and in all Places. Be thou our skilful Pilot to steer us, and protect us from all Dangers, and rebuke the Winds and the Seas when they molest us; preserve our Vessel from being rent by the loud Cracks of Thunder, or from being burnt by Lightning, or any other Accident: Keep us and save us from tempestuous Weather, from bitter Frosts, Hail, Ice, Snow, or Whirl-winds, and from Captivity and Slavery.

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Teach me, O God, to remember thee my Creator in the Days of my Youth, continually to think upon thee, and to praise thy Name for all thy Mercies : Bless all our Friends, I beseech thee, that are on Land, and let their Prayers for us be acceptable in thy Sight, and grant that our next meeting together may be for the better, and not for the worse, even to the praising and magnifying of thy Holy Name, and Salvation of our own Souls in the great Day of our Lord Jesus ; to whom with thee, and thy Blessed Spirit, be ascribed all Honour, Power and Glory, Adoration and Subjection, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Soldier's Prayer.

O Most Omnipotent Lord God, Heaven is thy Throne, and Earth is thy Footstool, and the whole Host of Heaven continually pays Obedience to thee. O Lord, I present myself before thee, acknowledging my own Vileness, but thine infinite Goodness ; my own Weakness, but thy infinite Power and Majesty. O thou that teachest our Hands to War, and our Fingers to Fight, endue me

me with a Courage and Resolution to run through those Difficulties I may meet withal, and when any Engagement presents itself for the publick Good of my King and Country, then, O my God, animate me with that Vigour and Christian Fortitude, that I may overcome all those which oppose thee and thy People.

Preserve me, I beseech thee, and bless me in all my Enterprizes; save me from Death, and cover my Head in our Day of Battle: Prosper our Arms with good Success. Make our Religion and Country, like the House of *David*, grow stronger and stronger; but let the Enemy, like the House of *Saul*, grow weaker and weaker. Let no covetous Desires, Greediness of Spoil, Ambition, Vain-glory, Hatred, Malice, Uncharitableness, or any thing that exalts itself against thee and thy Kingdom, ever take hold of me. Keep me from all Atheism, Infidelity, Blasphemy, and Prophaneness, from all Rioting, Chambering, and Wantonness. Grant that I may do no Violence to any Man, nor accuse no Man falsely, but be content with my Wages, that when ever Death approaches, I may joyfully, giving up the Ghost, pronounce this Saying, *I have fought a good Fight, I have*

have finished my Course, I have kept the Faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give unto all those which Love and Fear him, and put their Trust in his Mercy. Amen.

The Magistrate's Prayer.

O GOD, thou supream Judge of the World; thou didst ordain Man thro' thy Wisdom, and gavest him Dominion over thy Creatures, and Authority to govern the World according to Equity and Righteousness, and to execute Judgment with all Uprightness. Thou hast appointed me a Minister, O Lord, and a Judge of thy Sons and Daughter, but none can discharge so great a Trust without thy Divine Power and Assistance.

To thee therefore, O Lord, do I humbly address myself: Thou art the Fountain from whence every good and perfect Gift cometh, and none can rule without thy Wisdom guides them. Endue me, O Lord, with that Wisdom which is from above, which is first pure, and then peaceable: Inspire me with an understanding Spirit, that I may discern
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between Good and Evil, between Light and Darkneſs, that I may be always ready to pronounce a juſt Sentence in all Cauſes, let the Scales of Juſtice be ever even, and let my Eyes be blind, and my Ears deaf to all Gifts, popular Applauſe amongſt Men: ſuffer me not to bear thy Sword in vain, but fill me with Zeal and Courage, that I may be ready to puniſh Wickedneſs and Vice, but encourage true Religion and Vertue, ſo that at laſt, when thou ſhalt be pleaſed to call me hence, I may give up my Accounts with Joy, and not with Grief, and receive thoſe bleſſed Words which thou haſt pronounced of, *Well done thou good and faithful Servant, enter into the Joy of thy Lord.* Amen.

A Prayer for a Debtor in Priſon.

O God, the Helper of the Poor and Needy, and all thoſe who are in Adverſity; look down I beſeech thee, with an Eye of Pity and Compaſſion upon thy Afflicted Servant; the Place I am in is miſerable, diſconſolate and comfortleſs, but withdraw not the Light of thy Countenance from me. O Lord I confeſs I have abuſed all thoſe Mercies I have

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enjoyed ; I have not imployed that precious time thou has given me to improve, but on the contrary, I have been negligent and guilty of all Profusenefs ; I have been worse than an Infidel, in not making that Provision for my Family, which I was obliged in Justice to perform, neither have I paid those due Debts which I become bound to do, therefore am I plunged into this Depth of Misery.

Divers ways I am apprehensive, I have highly offended thy Divine Majesty, both in Thought, Word and Deed, and which I earnestly implore thy Gracious Pardon and Forgiveness ; I acknowledge thy Divine Goodness and Mercy, that thou hast not Snatched me hence, and sent me into everlasting Burnings amongst the Damned, but thou hast preserved me unto this Moment, that I might live and praise thy great Name. My Body, O Lord, is now confined, but I beseech thee enlarge my Spirit, whereby I may offer up the Sacrifice of Prayer and Thanksgiving with all Cheerfulness, for all thy innumerable Benefits which I have from time to time received from thee ; dispose the Heart of my Creditors to free Compliance, and enable me, I beseech

beseech thee, to make them Restitution, that whenever I shall be released, I may walk more circumspectly, and redeem that time I have so vainly lost: Bless all those whose Charity have extended to my Relief, or have sought to procure my Liberty, and bring us all at last to thy Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Malefactor in Prison.

O Most merciful God, thou art holy in all thy Ways, and righteous in all thy Works, vouchsafe thy Grace, O Lord, to a vile Wretch and incorrigible Sinner: I implore, O Lord, that Mercy which formerly I have abused, I sigh and groan under the Weight of my Sins, and they are become a Burden too heavy for me to bear; my presumptuous and wicked Proceeding stick like so many Arrows within me, and when with an awakened Conscience I remember them, I am ready to sink down into the Pit of Perdition, and utterly despair of any Mercy and Compassion.

How brutish have I been, in hating Instruction, and all manner of Reproof; I have not obeyed the Voice of my

Teachers, neither did I incline my Ear to them that admonished me, but like the Deaf Adder, I stopped my Ears, and adhered not to wise Counsel; thy most holy Laws I have broken, thy Sabbath I have profaned by excess of Drunkenness and all manner of Riot and Debauchery which have been as Fore-runners of this Crime for which I stand now committed, and the Hand of Justice hath overtaken me.

But, Lord, I beseech thee, have Mercy upon me even for his sake who redeemed me and all Mankind; accept of his Attonement for my Sins, and save my Soul for thy Mercies sake; wash away all my Sins in his most precious Blood, and blot out all my Offences out of thy Remembrance. O shew me some Taste of thy tender Mercy, whereby the Fear of Death may be abated, give me some Assurance of a Hope in thee, that when the Day of Dissolution comes, my unworthy Soul may be received into thy Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Submission to the Sentence of Death.

O ETERNAL God, in all Humility of Soul and Body, I cast my self at
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the Feet of thy Divine Majesty ; thou art the Sovereign Judge of the World, and hast fully pronounced against me and all Sinners, *that Dust thou art and to Dust thou shalt return* ; In Obedience to thy Divine Justice, I wholly resign all the Faculties of my Soul and Body, to thy Sentence pronounced against me, acknowledging it most just and due to me for those infinite Sins I have committed against thee.

O let it never slip from my Memory that bloody and shameful Death of thy Son Jesus Christ, who after he had suffered in his Soul unspeakable Sorrows, and in his Agony, and bloody Sweat offered up himself a Sacrifice for mine, and the Sins of the whole World : Never let me repine at what the Hand of Justice hath decreed to my Body, but let me by a sincere Repentance seek thy Face to preserve my Soul, the Death I am to suffer is painful, and even a shameful Death ; but thou, O my God, canst make my Passage easie.

Thou, O my God, didst remember the Thief upon the Cross, O remember me, I beseech thee in my last Hour, and say unto my Soul, *This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.* Keep my Heart and

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Mouth from pronouncing Words which may be offensive to Christian Ears, but let me never be ashamed to confess thy holy Name, and to continue thy Soldier and Servant, manfully fighting under thy Banner, unto my Life's-end. Strengthen me, O Lord, in this great Conflict, and shew me the Light of thy Countenance for evermore. *Amen.*

A Preparation for Death.

Most gracious God, the Fountain of all Goodness, I bless and magnifie thy Holy Name, for all thy Mercies extended to me and all Mankind, I bless thee for my Being and well being from the Hour of my Conception to the Day of my Nativity, from my Minority to my riper Years, and Age of full Strength, and even to this present Moment; I praise thy Name for all the Means of Grace, and for the Hopes of Glory; for my Creation, Redemption, Preservation, and all the Blessings of this Life.

I magnifie thee for all thy Mercies; in forgiving my infinite Transgressions; for all thy Patience and Long-suffering

suffering towards me: I have like the Prodigal Son, absented my self from thee, and at my return thou hast received me graciously, Lord, I humbly beseech thee, raise me up from the Death of Sin unto the Life of Righteousness, that being made a Partaker of the Death of Christ, and a Follower of his holy Life, I may be made a Partaker of his Spirit, and of his Promises.

O let me never charge thee, O my God, foolishly, nor offend thee by any Impatience, and uneasie Spirit, nor weaken the Hands and Hearts of those that charitably minister my Necessities, but let me pass through the Vale of Tears, and the Valley of the Shadow of Death with Peace and Safety, with a meek Spirit, and a Sense of thy Divine Mercies; Grant this Eternal God, for the Merits of thy only Son, my ever blessed Lord, and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Pardon of Sin.

O Most merciful God, who wouldst not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he should turn from his Wickedness and live, have Mercy upon me,

and heal my Soul, for I have sinned against thee, I have committed iniquity with Greediness, and have added unto Sin daily and hourly. I have made Resolutions and Purposes of Amendment, but in a Moment I have started aside, like a broken Bow, and have returned to my former Custom, like the Dog to his Vomit, and the Swine to her wallowing in the Mire.

But thou art a God, gracious and merciful, pardoning Iniquity, Transgression and Sin, and there is Forgiveness with thee, that thou may'st be feared; therefore to thee, O God, I come like an ungracious Child, but to a gracious Father; I come in all Humility of Soul and Body, and appear from thy Throne of Justice unto thy Mercy seat. Mercy, good Lord, I beg at thy Fatherly Hand, for I acknowledge with Grief of Heart, and Sorrow of Spirit, that I have infinitely sinned against Heaven and against Thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy Son.

Give unto me, O Lord, a new Heart, and a right Understanding, that I may perceive the Evil of my Ways, and repent of all my Transgression; Lord, where Iniquity did abound, there let thy

thy Grace much more abound ; hide thy Face from my Sins, and blot out all mine Iniquities, and receive me graciously : And for his sake who died for Sin , and knew no Sin, even that immaculate Lamb, thy dear Son Jesus Christ the Righteous, my only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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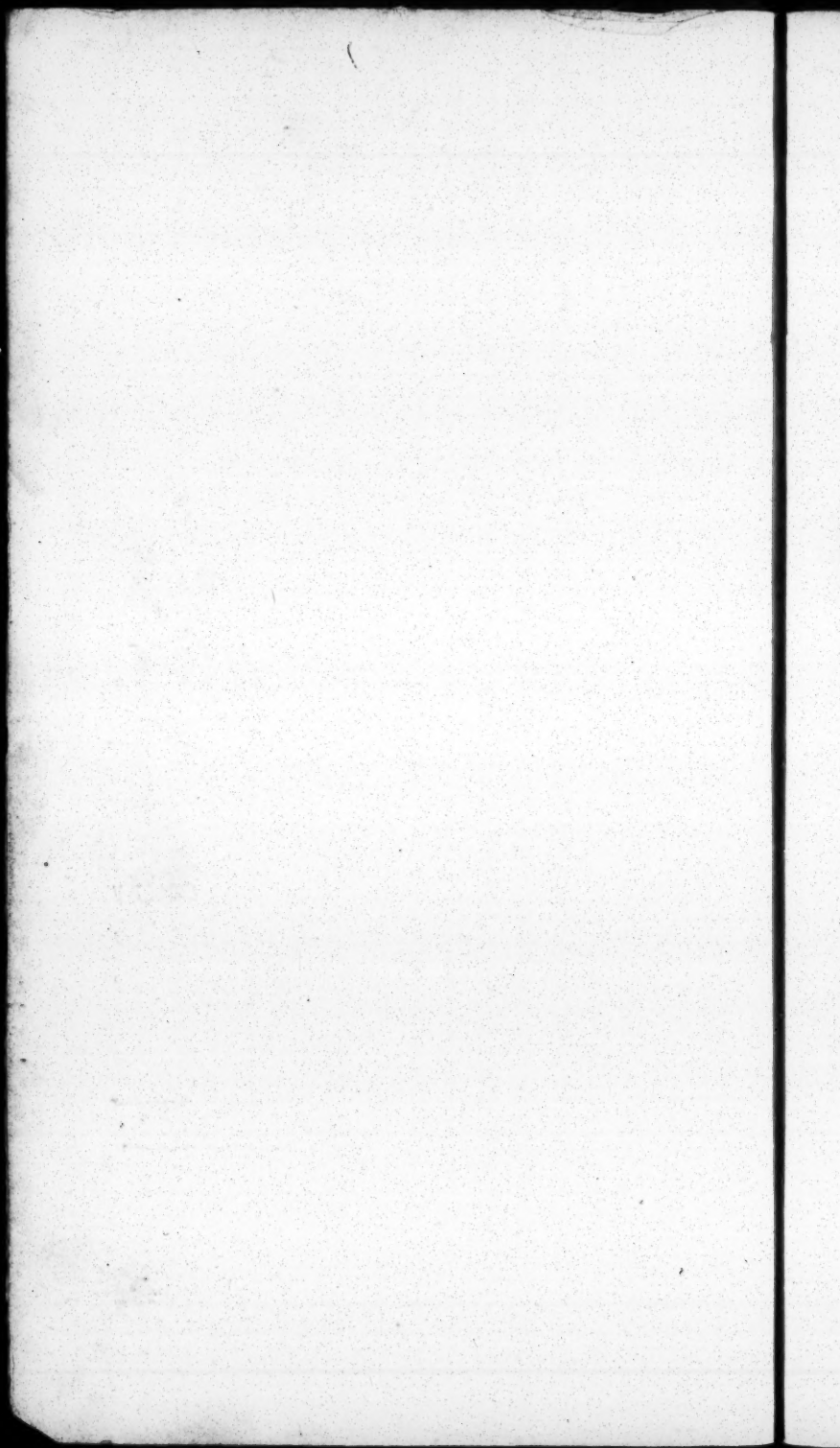
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Additional Devotions.

A Prayer for Christmas-Day.

O Blessed Lord, who as upon this Day tookest our Nature upon thee, and wast born of a pure Virgin, keep me from defiling my self with sinful Pollutions, or abusing it or embralling it to Satan; let thy Spirit quicken me, thy Flesh nourish me, thy Wisdom guide me, thy Grace sanctifie me: Let thy Holy Ghost of whom thou wast conceived, beget thee in me, by the Immortal Seed of thy Word, let my Faith conceive thee, my Profession bring thee forth, my Love embrace thee, and Devotion entertain, and continually keep thee with me, until thy second Coming. *Amen.*

A Prayer for New Year's Day.

O Lord, who this Day was circumcised and bleedest for my Sins, have

have Pity and Compassion on me, who with weeping Eyes and a bleeding Heart come unto thee, beseeching thee that those Drops of Blood which fell from thee this Day may satisfy for the Sin of my unworthy Birth; and as thou hast begun a new Year, begin in me a new Reformation; make me, I beseech thee, a clean Heart, and renew a right Spirit within me; let me now cast off the old Man, and put on the new; and from this Day to the end of my Life, walk in Newness of Life, that I may become a fit Guest to be admitted into the new Heaven where dwelleth Righteousness, to be entertained at thy Table, and drink new Wine with thee in thy Heavenly Kingdom for evermore.
Amen.

A Prayer for Twelfth-day.

O God, thou Light of all the World who guidest the Heathen Sages by a Star to seek after thee, give me Grace to hearken to thee more sure Word of Prophecy in thy holy Scripture, till the Day dawn, and the Day-star arise in my Heart, the Star guided them, till they approached thy Presence, so, O Lord,

Lord, let the Light of Faith guide me in all the Paths of this Life, even till I come to behold thee, not in a poor Stable littered with Straw and Dung, but in Cælestial Palace founded upon *Pearls*, and built with *Saphires*, nor receiving a Present of Gold which fades away, but wearing a never-fading Crown of Glory; not having a quantity of *Frankincense* and *Myrrh* in thy Hand, but a Golden Censer full of sweet Odours, which are the Praises of thy Saints and Angels; amongst which I beseech thee offer up the Prayers of me a Sinner, that I may become a Saint in thy Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Ash-wednesday.

O Eternal God, who did fast forty Days in the Wilderness, accept of my Humiliation these forty Days; and grant that I may not only fall from accustomed Meats, but that all my Senses may be restrained from their usual Affections of this World, let no Object delight me till I behold my Sins removed like a Mist, and the Light of thy Countenance shine upon me: Let no Sound or Voice delight my Ear till I hear thee
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by thy Spirit, speak Peace to my Conscience, and say to my Soul, I am thy Salvation: Let no other Pleasures take hold of me, till with the sower Herbs of Sorrow and Anguish, I have eaten the Christian Passover, the Flesh of thee, that Immaculate Lamb slain from the beginning of the World: Hear me, O blessed Redeemer, and as thou wrotest in Dust when thou tookest the Woman in Adultery; so, I beseech thee, write my Sins in Dust, and bury them all in the Ashes of Oblivion. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Good-Friday.

O Most Merciful and Gracious Lord God, who by thy Obedience unto Death, even the Death of the Cross didst become the Sacrifice of the whole Universe, the magnificent Example of Patience, the Lord of Life, the good Shepherd, laying down thy Life for the Sheep, and the only Mediator between God and Man; let thy bleeding Wounds heal, thy precious Blood cleanse, thy shameful Death make me to live, and thy holy Spirit make me to work Righteousness all my Days; that I may by
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thy Aid and Example obey my Heavenly Father with all my Powers and Faculties, Reasons and Affections, with my Soul and Body, Time and Estate, in Prosperity and in Adversity; that I may bear my Cross patiently, do thy Work chearfully, and be ready to benefit Mankind with great Charity and Industry, that being a Follower of thy Life and a Partaker of thy Death, I may receive a Part in the Resurrection of the Just in thy Inheritance for evermore.
Amen.

A Prayer on Easter-Day.

O Most Glorious Redeemer, thou didst pass from a painful Life to an ignominious Death, and from the Bitterness of it to the Darkness of the Grave, and by thy Divine Power didst raise thy self from hence to Life; I give thee Thanks for thy infinite Love to me, and all Mankind; I acknowledge thee to be my Lord, and confess thee to be my God; I adore thy Majesty and rejoyce in thy Mercies; I humbly pray thee to enable me with thy Spirit to believe all thy Doctrines, and to obey all thy Commandments, that after a holy and religious

ous Life spent in doing Honour to thy holy Name, I may be a Partaker of thy holy Resurrection, passing from Death to Life, from Darkness of the Grave to the Light of Heaven, from an imperfect Duty to the Perfections of Holiness in the Fruition of the Joys of God in thy Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer upon Ascension day.

O Blessed Jesus, thou didst ascend to thy holy Father, and didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all Believers; thou hast espoused thy Church unto thy self with the Everlasting Circles of thy Providence, with thy Love, and with thy Care, with thy Word, and with thy Spirit, thy Promises, and thy Holy Intercession: thou hast a Feeling of my Infirmities, and art my Merciful High-Priest, making Intercession for me for ever; O be thou pleased to represent all my Wants, and supply them, and excuse all my Infirmities, pity all my Calamities, pardon my Sins, and send down thy holy Spirit of Grace into my Heart, that though I wander here upon Earth, yet my Conversation may be in Heaven, where let my Inheritance be for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer on Whit Sunday.

O God, the Father of all Spirits, who didst send thy holy Spirit upon thy Church, in the Day of Pentecost, and hast promised that he shall abide with thy Church for ever, let thy Holy Spirit lead me into all Truth, defend me from all Sins, enrich me with his Gifts, refresh me with his Comforts, rule in my Heart for ever, conduct me with his Truth, and lead me in the Way everlasting, that living by thy Spirit and walking in him I may by him be sealed up to the Day of my Redemption; O let thy Spirit witness to my Spirit, that I am thy Child, and make me to be so for ever, through Jesus Christ my Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the Unity of the same Spirit, one God, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Trinity Sunday.

O Holy blessed and glorious Trinity, the Angels are amazed in the Beauties of that glorious Presence, how that can I, poor sinful Wretch praise thee
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either according to my Duty, or thy Glories ; I confess and glory in thy Omnipotency, thy Omniscience, thy Truth, and thy Mercy : O let me also receive thy Blessings and gracious Influencies, that I may adorn thee with all my Power for ever, and serve thee with my best and earliest Industry ; that being here wholly inebriated with Love, and employed in thy Service, and the Duty of a holy Obedience, I may to all Eternity rejoyce in the beholding of those Glories which are above all Capacities, even those Glories which stream forth from the Throne of the Eternal God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to whom be Glory and Dominion, Honour and Adoration, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be used upon any Apostle's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Holy Church upon the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief Corner stone, I bless and magnifie thy holy Name for thy great Graces thou gavest to thy Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs in their Days *Amen*

Days of their Flesh and this Day I have thy Servant. [*Here name the Apostles*], in Remembrance, praising thee for the Benefits the Church hath received by his Ministry and Example. and I beseech thee give me thy Grace, that obeying thy Doctrine which he taught, and following his Example, as he followed Christ, I may also with Safety and Holiness pass through this Valley of Tears, that serving thee in my Generation, advancing thy Honour, and obeying thy Laws, I may in the Society and Communion of Saints and Angels, sing eternal Hallelujahs to the Honour of thy Mercy, and of thy Majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Church.

O Lord God Almighty, I beseech thee keep thy Holy Church in Peace, Unity, and Safety, preserve it against all Storms, Temptations, and Enemies, that the offering to thy Glory the never-ceasing Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving, may advance the Honour of her Lord, and be thy Partaker of his Glory: through the Merits of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.* *A*

A Prayer for the King.

Almighty God, by whom Kings Reign, and Princes degree Justice, I humbly beseech thee to save, and with the choicest of thy Benedictions, bless thy Servant, and our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*; preserve his Royal Person in Health and Honour, his Power in Wealth and Dignity, his Dominions in Peace and Plenty; the Churches under his Protection, in Piety, Knowledge, and a Strict and a holy Religion. Let not the Wicked approach to hurt him, nor any weapon that is form'd against him prosper, but keep him perpetually in thy Fear and Favour, and Crown him at last with Glory and Immortality. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Royal Family.

Bless, O Lord, I beseech thee, his Royal Highness *George* Prince of *Wales*, with all the Rest of the Royal Family, keep them in thy Fear, and protect

tect them with thy Favour, and after this
Lie is ended, Crown them with everlast-
ing Happiness in the World come.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Clergy.

O Almighty God, protect thy Stars
in thy right Hand, the most Re-
verend the Arch-Bishops, the right Re-
verend the Bishops, with all other Infe-
riour Priests and Deacons; grant that all
Congregations committed to their Charge
may be edified by their Doctrines, and live
Godly and Peaceable Lives under them, to
the Saviour of their Souls in the Day of
the Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament.

Bless, O Lord, I beseech thee, the
Great Council of the Nation, the
Lords and Commons assembled in Par-
liament, grant that all their Consultati-
ons may tend to thy Glory, the Good
of thy Church, and the Safety, Honour,
and Welfare of our Sovereign and
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his Kingdom; let Justice run down like a Stream, and Righteousness like the mighty Waters, that there may be no leading into Captivity, nor no complaining in our Streets, but that Mercy and Truth may meet together, and Righteousness and Peace may kiss each other; grant this, O Lord, for thy Son's sake and my alone Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Navy and Army.

O Eternal God, thou art the Lord of Hosts, and the Strength of all Nations is from thee, and no Victory can wait upon the justest Designs, upon the wisest Councils, upon the strongest Armies, if thou teach not their Hands to War, and their Fingers to Fight: Lend us, O Lord, thy Assistance, by Land and Sea; be with our Armies, and the Armies of our Allies and Associates by Land, and be with our Navy at Sea, be not from the one, nor from the other, until thou hast brought them back with Honour, Victory, or settled Peace: Let not that proud Disturber and Destroyer of Mankind any longer
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insult over thy People, but turn his Sword into his own Bosom. O Lord, thy Servants are unfeignedly sorrowful for those Sins they have committed against thy Divine Majesty; O do thou pardon us, and receive us graciously, and then we may trust in thy Goodness, that thou wilt pour down all thy Blessings upon this, and all other Designs and Actions of this State, undertaken for thy Glory, the Honour of our most gracious Sovereign, the Peace and Welfare of the whole Church, and his Majesty's Three Kingdoms: Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

A Prayer for God's People in General.

MOST Gracious God, I humbly beseech thee to bless all thy People wheresoever dispersed, or howsoever distressed, over the Face of the whole Earth, more especially in these Nations of *England, Scotland, and Ireland*; give us all humble and obedient Hearts to thee our God, Loyal Hearts to our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, and
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charitable Thoughts one towards another; Convert and bring home thine own People the *Jews*, and bring in the Fulness of the *Gentiles*; save and have Mercy upon all *Asiatics* and *Africans*, and all those that never heard of a Crucified Saviour; this I humbly beg for thy Son's sake, my alone Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for our Deliverance from the Spanish Invasion.

WE Laud and Magnifie ! thy holy Name for this thy wonderful Deliverance from *Roman* Slavery and *Papist* Usurpation, which would have destroyed the Renowned and Glorious Queen *Elizabeth*, and her Kingdoms; their Gallies and Ships came to assault us, being full of Pride, and nominating themselves Invincible; but thou, O Lord, our Strength, didst awake us out of Sleep, and like a Giant refreshed with Wine, smote our Enemies in the hinder Parts, and didst put them all to Confusion. Grant, O Lord, that we may never want thankful Hearts to praise thee for this, and all other thy-Mercies, even to our Lives end. *Amen.*

*A Thanksgiving for our great Deliverance
from the Powder Treason, and from Popery,
and Slavery, and Arbitrary Power.*

O Most mighty God, whose All-seeing Eye of Providence did discover to us that Train, which *Popish* Malice had laid to destroy the King, his Nobles and Commons then assembled in Parliament; they had contrived by their barbarous Invention, to have blown up the Bodies of that great and wise Council, but thou, O God, didst defeat their bloody Enterprize, whereof we rejoyce.

We likewise praise and extol thy great Name, for this second, and never to be forgotten Deliverance: O let After-Ages, and the Children that are yet unborn, when they come to understand this thy wonderful Mercy, let it never slip from their Memory. Thou, O Lord, did raise up thy Servant, and our late Sovereign Lord King *William*, who like *Moses*, stood in the Gap, between us and *Roman* Slavery, which like a Torrent, was pouring upon us: O let us never forget thy double Mercy extended towards us this Day, thou hast pluck-

ed us as a Firebrand out of the Burning, and hast restored to us those good and wholesome Laws and Liberties, which our Ancestors have enjoyed; inspire our Hearts that we may extol thy Name, O Lord, for these thy great Mercies, and Deliverances, and let all the People with one Voice say, *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the happy Success of His Majesty's Arms in Reducing of Ireland, and for His Majesty's safe Return to England.

O God, the great Preserver of the Universe, I offer up unto thee all Praise and Thanksgiving, for putting an End to those Troubles and Disorders which were in his late Majesty's Kingdom of *Ireland*: thou hast done great things for us, O Lord, whereof I rejoyce; thy Servant, and our Dear and Dread Sovereign Lord King *William*, did expose his Person to the Danger of the Enemy, but thou didst protect him from their Malice, gavest Success to his Arms and Royal Undertaking, and didst cover his Head in the Day of Battle, and at last thou did bring him safe home with Joy

Joy and Victory: Give Peace in our Time, O Lord, and put an end to all Differences amongst us, for thy Son's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Charity.

GRant, O Lord, I beseech thee, that I may abound in Charity, yielding up my self first to thy Service, and then according to thy blessed Will to the Service and Relief of my poor Brethren, let me ever remember, that thou, O Lord, madest thy self poor that I might be made rich; and he that soweth sparingly, shall also reap sparingly, but he that soweth liberally, shall also reap liberally; for thou lovest a chearful Giver; make me to abound, O Lord, with thy Grace, that I may be plentiful in every good Word and Work, and never let me hide my Face from the Poor and Needy: Thou, O Lord, givest Seed to the Sower, and Bread to the Eater; increase my Wealth, and augment the Revenue of my Righteousness, whereby I may be enriched in all Frankness of Liberality. *Amen.*

*A Prayer to renounce the World, and affect
Spiritual Things.*

O God the Father, who raisedst from the Dead our Lord Jesus Christ, who offered up himself a Sacrifice for the Sins of the whole World, to the end he might withdraw our Affections from Temporal, and fix them upon that which is Eternal: Give us Hearts to obey thy Truth, and infuse into us thy Spirit which may produce thy Vertues in us; And because we are thy Children, send the Spirit of thy Son in our Hearts, whereby we may cry *Abba*, Father, that being thy Children, we may be Heirs through Christ, and walk according to the Spirit, not fulfilling the Lusts of the Flesh, knowing that what a Man soweth, that shall he reap: for he that soweth to the Flesh, shall of the Flesh reap Corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap Life everlasting.

Let us glory in nothing, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the World may be crucified unto us, and we unto the World, that in him we may become new Creatures, not growing weary of Well-doing, knowing that we
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shall reap in due season if we faint not :
Wherefore while we have time, let us
do Good to all Men, but especially unto
the Household of Faith ; and all they that
shall walk according to this Rule, Peace
be upon them, and upon the *Israel* of God.
Amen.

A Conclusive Prayer.

A Lmighty God, who hast pro-
mised to hear the Petitions of
them that ask in thy Son's Name, I
beseech thee mercifully to incline thine
Ears unto me, who have now made
my Prayers and Supplication unto thee,
and grant that those things which I have
faithfully asked according to thy Will,
may be effectually obtained to the relief
of my Necessity, and to the setting forth
of thy Glory, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

THe Peace of God, which passeth
all Understanding, keep my Heart
and Mind in the Knowledge and Love
of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our
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Lord ; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, with the vertue of Christ's blessed Cross, Passion, Resurrection and Ascension, be with me now, at the Hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment.
Amen.

G R A C E S.

A Grace before Meat.

O God, who art the Giver of every good and perfect Gift, sanctifie, we beseech thee, these thy Creatures now prepared for us, make them wholesome for our Bodies, and our Souls and Bodies serviceable unto thee for them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

Most merciful Father, which openest thy Hand, and fillest all things with Plenteousness, we pray thee sanctifie these thy good Creatures unto us, that we may eat to preserve Life, and living serve thee our God, through thine only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Or this.

O Lord our God, by whose Providence it is that we live, move, and have our Being, send thy Blessing upon us and our Provision, and grant that whether we Eat, or Drink, or whatsoever we do else, we may do all to the Glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

After Meat.

THe Lord's most holy Name be now and ever blessed and praised for all his Mercies, and for his Blessings at this time bestowed upon us. Lord, as thou hast fed our Bodies with Corporal Food, so feed our Souls likewise with Spiritual Food unto Life Eternal. Save thine Universal Church, these Realms, the King and all the Royal Family: and grant us thy Grace, Mercy, and Peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

THe God of all Grace and Goodness who at this time hath fed and plentifully

teously refreshed us, his most holy Name be blessed and praised from this time forth and for evermore. God save his Universal Church, &c.

Or this.

WE laud and praise thy Name, O Lord, for all thy Blessings and Favours, and for feeding us so plentifully at this time, desiring thee of thy Grace, that our Thankfulness may not be in Word and Tongue, but expressed by our careful Study to glorifie thee our God, in all our Words and Works, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Save thy Universal Church, &c.

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